

"That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to grant permits, as provided for in section thirty-two hundred and ninety-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States, for the withdrawal of alcohol from bond, free of tax to any scientific university or college of learning created and constituted as such by any State or Territory under its laws, though not incorporated or chartered, and to any hospital maintained by endowment or otherwise, and not conducted for profit, upon the same terms and subject to the same restrictions and penalties already provided by said section thirty-two hundred and ninety-seven: *Provided, however,* That alcohol so obtained by hospitals may be used in surgical operations and, except as a beverage, in the treatment of patients, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe: *And provided further,* That the bond required by said section thirty-two hundred and ninety-seven may be executed by an officer of such hospital or institution or by any other person for it, and on its behalf, with two good and sufficient sureties, upon like conditions, and to be approved as by said section is provided."

Alcohol.  
Withdrawal free of  
tax for colleges, hos-  
pitals, etc.  
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ed.

Conditions.

Proviso.  
Hospital use.

Bond.

Approved, July 8, 1916.

**CHAP. 240.**—An Act Conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to adjudicate the claims of the State of Massachusetts.

July 11, 1916.  
[S. 3346.]

[Public, No. 155.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the claim of the State of Massachusetts for premium paid for coin with which it paid the interest and principal of its bonds issued in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one for money borrowed and used to furnish troops of the State for the service of the United States during the Civil War, and also its claim for interest and premium paid for coin used in payment of such interest on bonds issued for money borrowed and expended at the request, during said war, of the President of the United States in protecting the harbors and fortifying the coast, which claims were rejected by the Comptroller of the Treasury Department, be, and the same are hereby, referred to the Court of Claims for a determination of the law and the facts and report to Congress. The evidence of the amount of said expenditures and of the computations of such premiums made by the accounting officers of the Treasury on file in said department, as furnished by the State, may be considered by the court so as to relieve the State of the necessity of again filing said evidence in court.

Massachusetts.  
Claims for premium,  
etc., referred to Court  
of Claims.

Evidence admitted.

Approved, July 11, 1916.

**CHAP. 241.**—An Act To provide that the United States shall aid the States in the construction of rural post roads, and for other purposes.

July 11, 1916.  
[H. R. 7617.]

[Public, No. 156.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to cooperate with the States, through their respective State highway departments, in the construction of rural post roads; but no money apportioned under this Act to any State shall be expended therein until its legislature shall have assented to the provisions of this Act, except that, until the final adjournment of the first regular session of the legislature held after the passage of this Act, the assent of the governor of the State shall be sufficient. The Secretary of Agriculture and the State highway department of each State shall agree upon the roads to be constructed therein and the

Rural post roads.  
Cooperation with  
States authorized for  
construction of.