

flood waters of the Mississippi River between Point Breeze and Fort Jackson in Louisiana, in order to prevent the waters of said river exceeding stages of approximately sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, and twenty feet on the Carrollton gauge at New Orleans, and of approximately forty-six, forty-seven, and forty-eight feet on the gauge at Simmesport on the Atchafalaya Outlet, and the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to cause the Mississippi River Commission to transmit to him all engineering records, data, field notes, and such other information in its possession as he may deem desirable and useful in carrying out the purposes of this Act.

Mississippi River Commission to furnish data, etc., relating to.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of War is authorized to use \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from funds heretofore appropriated for flood control, Mississippi River, to carry out the objects and purposes of this Act: *Provided*, That no spillway shall be constructed as a result of the survey authorized by this Act whereby the waters of the Mississippi River would be diverted into Mississippi Sound.

Funds to be used.

Proviso.
Diverting waters to Mississippi Sound forbidden.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to report to the Congress as soon as practicable the results of the survey authorized by this Act.

Report to Congress.

Approved, April 17, 1926.

CHAP. 158.—An Act To promote the production of sulphur upon the public domain within the State of Louisiana.

April 17, 1926.
[S. 3186.]

[Public, No. 135.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to grant to any qualified applicant a prospecting permit which shall give the exclusive right to prospect for sulphur in lands belonging to the United States located in the State of Louisiana for a period of not exceeding two years: *Provided*, That the area to be included in such a permit shall be not exceeding six hundred and forty acres of land in reasonably compact form.

Public lands.
Permits to prospect for sulphur in Louisiana, authorized.

Proviso.
Area limited.

SEC. 2. Upon showing to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior that valuable deposits of sulphur have been discovered by the permittee within the area covered by his permit, and that the land is chiefly valuable therefor, the permittee shall be entitled to a lease for any or all of the land embraced in the prospecting permit, at a royalty of 5 per centum of the quantity or gross value of the output of sulphur at the point of shipment to market, such lease to be taken in compact form by legal subdivisions of the public-land surveys; or if the land be not surveyed, by survey executed at the cost of the permittee in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided*, That where any person having been granted an oil and gas permit makes a discovery of sulphur in lands covered by said permit, he shall have the same privilege of leasing not to exceed six hundred and forty acres of said land under the same terms and conditions as are given a sulphur permittee under the provisions of this section.

Lease to permittee on discovery.

Royalty.

Proviso.
Privilege for discovery by permittee of gas and oil lands.

SEC. 3. Lands known to contain valuable deposits of sulphur and not covered by permits or leases shall be held subject to lease by the Secretary of the Interior through advertisement, competitive bidding, or such other methods as he may by general regulations adopt and in such areas as he shall fix, not exceeding six hundred and forty acres; all leases to be conditioned upon the payment by the lessee of such royalty as may be fixed in the lease and the payment in advance of a rental of 50 cents per acre per annum, the rental

Lease of lands with known sulphur deposits.

Royalties, etc.

paid for any one year to be credited against the royalties accruing for that year.

Prospecting permits for sulphur in other mineral lands.

Reservation.

Leasing Act provisions applicable.
Vol. 41, pp. 437, 448-451.

Holdings restricted.
Vol. 41, p. 448.

Applicable only to Louisiana.

SEC. 4. Prospecting permits or leases may be issued in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior under the provisions of this Act for deposits of sulphur in public lands also containing coal or other minerals on condition that such other deposits be reserved to the United States for disposal under applicable laws.

SEC. 5. The general provisions of section 1 and sections 26 to 38, inclusive, of the Act of February 25, 1920, entitled "An Act to promote the mining of coal, phosphate, oil, oil shale, gas, and sodium on the public domain," are made applicable to permits and leases under this Act, the first and thirty-seventh sections thereof being amended to include deposits of sulphur, and section 27 being amended so as to prohibit any person, association, or corporation from taking or holding more than three sulphur permits or leases in any one State during the life of such permits or leases.

SEC. 6. That the provisions of this Act shall apply only to the State of Louisiana.

Approved, April 17, 1926.

April 17, 1926.
[H. J. Res. 191.]
[Pub. Res., No. 16.]

CHAP. 159.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond to contract for and erect in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, a building for its Baltimore branch.

Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.
Erection of building authorized for Baltimore, Md., branch.

Proviso.
Subject to approval of Board.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond be, and it is hereby, authorized to contract for and erect in the city of Baltimore a building for its Baltimore branch, provided the total amount expended in the erection of said building shall not exceed the sum of \$1,025,000: *Provided, however,* That the character and type of building to be erected, the amount actually to be expended in the construction of said building, and the amount actually to be expended for the vaults, permanent equipment, furnishings, and fixtures for said building shall be subject to the approval of the Federal Reserve Board.

Approved, April 17, 1926.

April 17, 1926.
[H. J. Res. 171.]
[Pub. Res., No. 17.]

CHAP. 160.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to approve the application of the State of Idaho to certain lands under an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the State of Idaho to exchange certain lands heretofore granted for public-school purposes for other Government lands," approved September 22, 1922.

Public lands.
Approval authorized of application by Idaho, in lieu of lands withdrawn as mineral, etc.

Vol. 42, p. 1018.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to approve the application of the State of Idaho to apply the lands described in an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the State of Idaho to exchange certain lands heretofore granted for public-school purposes for other Government lands," approved September 22, 1922, to any or all of the State grants not heretofore satisfied, in quantity sufficient to complete such grants, and in part satisfaction of the school-land grant to the State in lieu of lands to which the State has not acquired title because of withdrawals for mineral or other purposes.

Approved, April 17, 1926.