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county of Armstrong, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, April 29, 1933.

[CHAPTER 22.]

AN ACT

April 29, 1933
[H. R. 4332.]

[Public, No. 9.]

Granting¹ the consent of Congress to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Allegheny River, at a point near the Forest-Venango County line, in Tionesta Township, and in the county of Forest, and in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Allegheny River.
Pennsylvania may
bridge, in Tionesta
Township.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge, and approaches thereto across the Allegheny River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, near the Forest-Venango County line, in Tionesta Township, Forest County, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to Regulate the Construction of Bridges over Navigable Waters" approved March 23, 1906.

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Amendment.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, April 29, 1933.

[CHAPTER 23.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

May 1, 1933.
[H. J. Res. 135.]

[Pub. Res., No. 5.]

To amend section 2 of the Act approved February 4, 1933, to provide for loans to farmers for crop production and harvesting during the year 1933, and for other purposes.

Crop production
loans.
Vol. 47, p. 795,
amended.
Existing act to in-
clude first lien on 1934
crop, as security.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act of February 4, 1933 (Public, Numbered 327), be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding at the end of the first sentence thereof, the words: "and in the case of summer fallowing or winter wheat, a first lien, or an agreement to give a first lien on crops to be harvested in 1934, shall, in the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture, be deemed sufficient security."

Approved, May 1, 1933.

[CHAPTER 24.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

May 3, 1933.
[S. J. Res. 13.]

[Pub. Res., No. 6.]

Authorizing the Attorney General, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Navy, to release claims of the United States upon certain assets of the Pan American Petroleum Company and the Richfield Oil Company of California and others in connection with collections upon a certain judgment in favor of the United States against the Pan American Petroleum Company heretofore duly entered.

Pan American Petro-
leum Company, etc.
United States claims
upon certain assets,
released.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Attorney General of the United States, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Navy, be, and he is hereby, authorized, in connection with collection of amounts due the United States of America under a

¹So in original.

certain judgment for \$9,277,666.17 entered in the office of the clerk of the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of California at Los Angeles on January 14, 1933, against the Pan American Petroleum Company, a corporation, to release from claim or lien under said judgment such part or portions of the property and assets of the said Pan American Petroleum Company and the Richfield Oil Company of California, in such manner and with such reservations as shall seem to him proper and advisable, in consideration of payments to the United States to apply upon said judgment, of not less than the sum of \$5,000,000, and in connection therewith to release any claims of the United States against purchasers of oil and petroleum products from the leases commonly known as "E", "I", and "G" leases, or also known as Visalia 010042, 010043, and 010097 leases in naval petroleum reserve numbered 1, Kern County, California, and to consent, in the premises, to the assignment of other oil and gas leases in said naval petroleum reserve numbered 1, now part of the unmortgaged assets of Pan American Petroleum Company, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Navy and to the assignment of other oil and gas leases, also part of the unmortgaged assets of Pan American Petroleum Company, of the United States outside the said naval petroleum reserve numbered 1, with the consent of the Secretary of the Interior, said assignments to be authorized only to assignees otherwise duly qualified under existing laws: *Provided*, That the authority herein granted is permissive only, and shall not be construed as a declaration of approval by Congress of the compromise herein authorized to be made, and that said authority shall not be exercised by the Attorney General unless in his judgment said compromise shall appear to him to be for the best interests of the United States.

Approved, May 3, 1933.

Proviso.
Approval not implied.

Exercise of authority optional.

[CHAPTER 25.]

AN ACT

To relieve the existing national economic emergency by increasing agricultural purchasing power, to raise revenue for extraordinary expenses incurred by reason of such emergency, to provide emergency relief with respect to agricultural indebtedness, to provide for the orderly liquidation of joint-stock land banks, and for other purposes.

May 12, 1933.
[H. R. 3835.]
[Public, No. 10.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Agricultural Adjustment Act.
Post, pp. 199, 354.

TITLE I—AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT

AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT.

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

That the present acute economic emergency being in part the consequence of a severe and increasing disparity between the prices of agricultural and other commodities, which disparity has largely destroyed the purchasing power of farmers for industrial products, has broken down the orderly exchange of commodities, and has seriously impaired the agricultural assets supporting the national credit structure, it is hereby declared that these conditions in the basic industry of agriculture have affected transactions in agricultural commodities with a national public interest, have burdened and obstructed the normal currents of commerce in such commodities, and render imperative the immediate enactment of title I of this Act.

Declaration of emergency.