

ing and loan associations, installment lending companies, and other such financial institutions, heretofore or hereafter approved by the Administrator as eligible for credit insurance, against losses which they may sustain as a result of loans and advances of credit, and purchases of obligations representing loans and advances of credit, made by them subsequent to the date this section takes effect and prior to July 1, 1939, or such earlier date as the President may fix by proclamation upon his determination that the emergency no longer exists, for the purpose of financing, by the owners of real property or by lessees thereof under a lease for a period of not less than one year, the restoration, rehabilitation, rebuilding, and replacement of improvements on such real property and equipment and machinery thereon which were damaged or destroyed by earthquake, conflagration, tornado, cyclone, hurricane, flood, or other catastrophe in the years 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, or 1939, either on the same site or on a new site in the same locality where the damaged or destroyed property was located. The Administrator is authorized to grant insurance under this section, as amended, to any such financial institution up to 20 per centum of the total amount of loans, advances of credit, and purchases made by such financial institution for such purposes, and any insurance reserve accumulated by any such financial institution under section 2 of this title shall be applicable to the payment of any losses sustained by it as a result of loans, advances of credit, or purchases insured under this section."

Financing rehabilitation of property damaged by catastrophe during years designated.

Maximum amount.

SEC. 2. The third sentence of subsection (a) of section 2 of the National Housing Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows: "The total liability incurred by the Administrator for all insurance heretofore and hereafter granted under this section and section 6, as amended, shall not exceed in the aggregate \$100,000,000."

Limitation on liability.
49 Stat. 1234.

Approved, April 22, 1937.

[CHAPTER 122]

AN ACT

For payment of compensation to persons serving as postmaster at third- and fourth-class post offices.

April 22, 1937
[H. R. 77]
[Public, No. 45]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proviso, following the appropriation for compensation to postmasters, contained in the Act approved March 1, 1921 (41 Stat., p. 1151; U. S. C., title 39, sec. 39), is hereby amended by adding after the words "unnecessary delay" at the end thereof the following: "A person who, upon the occurrence of a vacancy and pending the appointment of a postmaster or the designation of an acting postmaster, assumes and properly performs the duties of postmaster at any third- or fourth-class post office shall be allowed compensation as postmaster for the period of such service: *Provided,* That the Comptroller General of the United States, in the settlement and adjustment of accounts and claims for compensation for service heretofore rendered, but subsequent to June 30, 1930, is hereby authorized and directed to allow compensation as postmaster for service rendered under the circumstances and conditions hereinbefore prescribed."

Postmasters, third- or fourth-class post offices.
Compensation for ad interim service.
41 Stat. 1151.
39 U. S. C. § 39.

Proviso.
Payment for service rendered since June 1930.

Approved, April 22, 1937.

[CHAPTER 123]

AN ACT

April 22, 1937
[H. R. 5551]
[Public, No. 46]

To reserve certain public domain in California for the benefit of the Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians.

Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians.
Reservation of certain lands for benefit of.

47 Stat. 146.

Proviso.
Prior rights not affected.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following-described public domain be, and it is hereby, withdrawn from entry, sale, or other disposition and set aside as an addition to the Barona Ranch, a tract of land purchased for the Capitan Grande Band of Mission Indians under authority contained in the Act of May 4, 1932 (47 Stat. L. 146): Lots 1 and 2 of section 23, township 14 south, range 1 east, San Bernardino meridian, California, containing twelve and nineteen one-hundredths acres: *Provided,* That said withdrawal shall not affect any valid rights initiated prior to approval hereof.

Approved, April 22, 1937.

[CHAPTER 125]

AN ACT

April 23, 1937
[H. R. 168]
[Public, No. 47]

To authorize an increase in the annual appropriation for books for the adult blind.

Books, etc., for the adult blind.
46 Stat. 1487; 49 Stat. 374.
2 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 135a.

Annual appropriation for, increased.

Proviso.
Division of amount.

Applicability.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1, as amended, of the Act entitled "An Act to provide books for the adult blind", approved March 3, 1931 (U. S. C., 1934 ed., Supp. II, title 2, sec. 135a), is amended to read as follows:

"That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually to the Library of Congress, in addition to appropriations otherwise made to said Library, the sum of \$275,000, which sum shall be expended under the direction of the Librarian of Congress to provide books published either in raised characters, on sound-reproduction records, or in any other form, for the use of the adult blind residents of the United States, including the several States, Territories, insular possessions, and the District of Columbia: *Provided,* That of said annual appropriation of \$275,000, not exceeding \$100,000 thereof shall be expended for books in raised characters, and not exceeding \$175,000 thereof shall be expended for sound-reproduction records."

SEC. 2. This Act shall be applicable with respect to the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, and for each fiscal year thereafter.

Approved, April 23, 1937.

[CHAPTER 127]

AN ACT

April 26, 1937
[H. R. 4985]
[Public, No. 48]

To regulate interstate commerce in bituminous coal, and for other purposes.

Bituminous Coal Act of 1937.
Declaration of policy and necessity of regulation.

National Bituminous Coal Commission.
Establishment, composition, etc.
Post, p. 567.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That regulation of the sale and distribution in interstate commerce of bituminous coal is imperative for the protection of such commerce; that there exist practices and methods of distribution and marketing of such coal that waste the coal resources of the Nation and disorganize, burden, and obstruct interstate commerce in bituminous coal, with the result that regulation of the prices thereof and of unfair methods of competition therein is necessary to promote interstate commerce in bituminous coal and to remove burdens and obstructions therefrom.

NATIONAL BITUMINOUS COAL COMMISSION

SEC. 2. (a) There is hereby established in the Department of the Interior a National Bituminous Coal Commission (herein referred to as Commission), which shall be composed of seven members