

converting any vessel operated by the Navy or the War Shipping Administration or being prepared for the use of either.

SEC. 2. The authority herein granted shall include the authority to acquire lands at such locations as the Secretary of the Navy may deem best suited to the purpose of the authority herein contained, erect or extend buildings, acquire the necessary machinery and equipment, and shall be in addition to all authority heretofore granted for these purposes.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Navy from time to time, but not less frequently than every sixty days, shall transmit to the Congress a full report of all acquisitions of land, by lease or otherwise, effected under the authority of this Act.

Approved March 14, 1944.

Acquisition of lands,
etc.

Reports to Con-
gress.

[CHAPTER 98]

AN ACT

To extend the time within which the States of Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming may negotiate and enter into a compact or agreement for division of the waters of the Yellowstone River.

March 16, 1944
[S. 1337]
[Public Law 257]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act granting the consent of Congress to the States of Montana and Wyoming to negotiate and enter into a compact or agreement for division of the waters of the Yellowstone River", approved August 2, 1937 (50 Stat. 551), as amended and extended by the Act entitled "An Act granting the consent of Congress to the States of Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming to negotiate and enter into a compact or agreement for division of the waters of the Yellowstone River", approved June 15, 1940 (54 Stat. 399), is further amended by striking out "June 1, 1943" and inserting in lieu thereof "June 1, 1947".

Approved March 16, 1944.

Yellowstone River
compact.
Time extension for
negotiation, etc.

[CHAPTER 101]

AN ACT

To amend section 31 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

March 17, 1944
[S. 1146]
[Public Law 258]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 31 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is amended to read as follows:

"REGISTRATION FEES

"SEC. 31. Every national securities exchange shall pay to the Commission on or before March 15 of each calendar year a registration fee for the privilege of doing business as a national securities exchange during the preceding calendar year or any part thereof. Such fee shall be in an amount equal to one five-hundredths of 1 per centum of the aggregate dollar amount of the sales of securities (other than securities which are direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed as to principal or interest by the United States or such securities issued or guaranteed by corporations in which the United States has a direct or an indirect interest as shall be designated for exemption from the provisions of this section by the Secretary of the Treasury) transacted on such national securities exchange during the preceding calendar year and subsequent to its registration as a national securities exchange."

Approved March 17, 1944.

Securities Exchange
Act of 1934, amend-
ment.
48 Stat. 904.
15 U. S. C. § 78ec.

[CHAPTER 102]

AN ACT

March 20, 1944
[H. R. 2419]
[Public Law 259]

Postal Service.
"Mail handler."

To change the name of "laborer" in the Postal Service to that of "mail handler".

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the classification "laborer" in the Postal Service is hereby abolished, and in lieu thereof there is hereby created the classification of "mail handler" to perform the same duties and receive the same compensation as laborers.

Approved March 20, 1944.

[CHAPTER 117]

AN ACT

March 21, 1944
[H. R. 1488]
[Public Law 260]

Ogden Ordnance
Depot Military Res-
ervation, Utah.
Right-of-way for oil
pipe line.

Conditions.

Deposit of receipts.

To provide a right-of-way for an oil pipe line over the Ogden Ordnance Depot Military Reservation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, under such terms and conditions as are deemed advisable by him, to grant to the Utah Oil Refining Company, its successors and/or assigns, an easement for a right-of-way for an oil pipe line over, across, in, and upon the water supply tract of the Ogden Ordnance Depot Military Reservation, in the State of Utah: *Provided,* That such right-of-way shall be granted only upon a finding by the Secretary of War that the same will be in the public interest and will not substantially injure the interest of the United States in the property affected thereby: *Provided further,* That all or any part of such right-of-way may be annulled and forfeited by the Secretary of War if the property is needed for governmental purposes or for failure to comply with the terms or conditions of any grant hereunder, or for nonuse or for abandonment of rights granted under authority hereof: *And provided further,* That all moneys which may accrue to the United States under the provisions of this Act shall be deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

Approved March 21, 1944.

[CHAPTER 123]

AN ACT

March 22, 1944
[H. R. 1201]
[Public Law 261]

Repeal of statutes as
affecting existing lia-
bilities.

Temporary statutes.

To permit prosecutions after the lapse of a temporary statute for offenses committed prior to its expiration.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of the Act of February 25, 1871 (16 Stat. 432, Rev. Stats., sec. 13, U. S. Code, title 1, sec. 29) be, and it hereby is, amended to read as follows:

"The repeal of any statute shall not have the effect to release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under such statute, unless the repealing Act shall so expressly provide, and such statute shall be treated as still remaining in force for the purpose of sustaining any proper action or prosecution for the enforcement of such penalty, forfeiture, or liability. The expiration of a temporary statute shall not have the effect to release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under such statute, unless the temporary statute shall so expressly provide, and such statute shall be treated as still remaining in force for the purpose of sustaining any proper action or prosecution for the enforcement of such penalty, forfeiture, or liability."

Approved March 22, 1944.