

“(2) The Commission is also authorized, with the approval of the Governor, to grant licenses to the United States for terms not to exceed five years, for reservations, roads, and other rights-of-way, water storage and distribution facilities, and practice target ranges: *Provided*, That any such license may be extended from time to time by the Commission, with the approval of the Governor, for additional terms of three years: *Provided further*, That any such license shall not restrict the areas required by the Commission in carrying on its duties, nor interfere in any way with the Commission’s operation or maintenance activities.”

Licenses to U. S. for reservations, roads, etc.

Approved May 31, 1944.

[CHAPTER 217]

AN ACT

To amend section 9 of the Act of May 22, 1928, authorizing and directing a national survey of forest resources.

May 31, 1944
[H. R. 3848]
[Public Law 321]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to complete and keep current for the United States the forest survey authorized and directed by section 9 of the Act of May 22, 1928 (45 Stat. 699, 702; 16 U. S. C. 581h), said section is hereby amended to read as follows:

“That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed, under such plans as he may determine to be fair and equitable, to cooperate with appropriate officials of each State of the United States, and either through them or directly with private and other agencies, in making and keeping current a comprehensive survey of the present and prospective requirements for timber and other forest products in the United States, and of timber supplies, including a determination of the present and potential productivity of forest land therein, and of such other facts as may be necessary in the determination of ways and means to balance the timber budget of the United States. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not to exceed \$750,000 annually to complete the initial survey authorized by this section: *Provided*, That the total appropriation of Federal funds under this section to complete the initial survey shall not exceed \$6,500,000. There is additionally authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$250,000 annually to keep the survey current.”

National survey of forest resources.

Annual appropriations authorized.

Limitation.

Additional authorization.
Post, p. 445.

Approved May 31, 1944.

[CHAPTER 218]

AN ACT

Authorizing the acquisition and conversion or construction of certain landing craft and district craft for the United States Navy, and for other purposes.

May 31, 1944
[H. R. 4710]
[Public Law 322]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition and conversion or construction of one million tons of landing craft and district craft, or such portion thereof, as may be directed by the President, such landing craft and district craft to be of such size, type, and design as he may consider best suited for the prosecution of the war, such craft to be in addition to those heretofore authorized.

Navy.
Landing craft and district craft.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated such sums as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

Appropriation authorized.
Post, p. 609.

Approved May 31, 1944.

[CHAPTER 220]

AN ACT

June 1, 1944
[H. R. 329]
[Public Law 323]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to incur obligations for the benefit of natives of Alaska in advance of the enactment of legislation making appropriations therefor.

Alaska.
Advance obligations
for benefit of natives.

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 may authorize such officer or officers as may be designated by him to incur obligations in excess of appropriations currently available for the benefit of natives of Alaska, whenever said Secretary may determine such action to be necessary in order to insure the proper functioning of activities of the Office of Indian Affairs and of the Fish and Wildlife Service in Alaska during any ensuing fiscal year, payments of such obligations to be made from the respective appropriations for the new fiscal year when they become available: *Provided,* That such authority shall not be exercised earlier than the 1st day of January in any one fiscal year: *Provided further,* That excess obligations may be incurred only for the purchase of supplies, materials, and equipment; the amount of advance obligations so authorized shall not exceed 75 per centum of the total available in the current appropriations for such purposes: *And provided further,* That such obligations incurred in connection with the activities of the Office of Indian Affairs may be liquidated from the Indian Service supply fund, which fund shall be reimbursed from applicable appropriations, when made, for the ensuing fiscal year.

Limitations.

Liquidation.

SEC. 2. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved June 1, 1944.

[CHAPTER 221]

AN ACT

June 1, 1944
[H. R. 2105]
[Public Law 324]

Extending the time for repayment and authorizing increase of the revolving fund for the benefit of the Crow Indians.

Crow Indians.
Time extension for
repayment of fund.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for repayment to the tribe of the \$50,000 revolving fund for the benefit of the Crow Indians, created by the Act of June 4, 1920 (41 Stat. 755), for advance to the Indians for the purchase of seed, animals, machinery, tools, implements, and other equipment is hereby extended from June 30, 1945, to June 30, 1965, for the same purposes: *Provided,* That upon request of the tribal council of the Crow Tribe and the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, any unobligated balances in the Crow consolidated 4 per centum fund may be added to the \$50,000 revolving fund and become available for the same purposes and subject to the same conditions.

49 Stat. 244.
Increase of fund.

Approved June 1, 1944.

[CHAPTER 222]

AN ACT

June 1, 1944
[H. R. 3028]
[Public Law 325]

To extend the time for completing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Sauk Rapids, Minnesota.

Mississippi River.
Time extended for
bridging, at Sauk
Rapids, Minn.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for completing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River, at or near Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, authorized to be built by the Minnesota Department of Highways and the counties of Benton