

[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 All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.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.

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[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

and Stearns in Minnesota, by an Act of Congress approved October 9, 1940, is hereby extended three years from October 9, 1943.

54 Stat. 1061.

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

Approved June 1, 1944.

[CHAPTER 223]

AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Calcasieu River at or near Lake Charles, Louisiana.

June 1, 1944
[H. R. 4054]
[Public Law 326]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Calcasieu River, at or near Lake Charles, authorized to be built by the State of Louisiana, by an Act of Congress approved June 22, 1943, are hereby extended two and four years, respectively, from June 22, 1944.

Calcasieu River.
Time extended for
bridging, at Lake
Charles, La.

57 Stat. 160.

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

Approved June 1, 1944.

[CHAPTER 224]

AN ACT

To provide for regulation of certain insurance rates in the District of Columbia and for other purposes.

June 1, 1944
[S. 1029]
[Public Law 327]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

Insurance rates,
D. C.

“District” means the District of Columbia;

“District.”

“Superintendent” means the superintendent of insurance of the District of Columbia;

“Superintendent.”

“Company” means any insurer, whether stock, mutual, reciprocal, interinsurer, Lloyd’s, or any other form or group of insurers;

“Company.”

“Agent” means and shall include any individual, co-partnership, or corporation acting in the capacity of or licensed as a “policy-writing agent”, “soliciting agent”, or “salaried company employee”, as defined under section 3, chapter I, of the Fire and Casualty Act, approved October 9, 1940 (54 Stat. 1064; D. C. Code, 1940 edition, title 35, sec. 1303); and

“Agent,” terms in-
cluded.

“Broker” means any person who for a consideration acts or aids in any manner in the solicitation or negotiation on behalf of the assured of contracts of insurance.

“Broker.”

SEC. 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply to insurance in the District of Columbia against loss of or damage to property or any valuable interest therein by or as a consequence of fire, lightning, tornado, windstorm, and explosion, or any one or more of such hazards, including all supplemental, additional, or extended forms of coverage written in connection with fire insurance, and including any policy which insures property, while it is at a permanent location, against the hazard of fire, lightning, tornado, windstorm, or explosion; but this Act shall not apply to ocean marine, transportation, boiler and machinery, or motor-vehicle insurance, nor to insurance covering the property of interstate common carriers, nor to any form of insurance designated by the Superintendent as inland marine insurance.

Application.

Exceptions.

SEC. 3. The Superintendent is empowered to investigate the necessity for an adjustment of the rates on any or all risks or classes of risks within the scope of this Act, and to order an adjustment of such rates whenever he determines, after investigation of the experience

Rate adjustments.