

Materials in excess
of \$10,000.
Limitation of pow-
ers.

and if no newspaper is published in such county, then in the county nearest thereto, for at least thirty days, of his intention to dispose of such materials. No such materials in excess of \$10,000 shall be disposed of unless authorized by laws of the United States. The powers granted in this Act shall cease to exist at the cessation of hostilities in the present war as determined by the President by proclamation or the Congress by concurrent resolution and the provisions of this Act shall not apply where disposal of such materials have been expressly prohibited by laws of the United States.

Approved September 27, 1944.

[CHAPTER 417]

AN ACT

September 27, 1944
[H. R. 3384]
[Public Law 430]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to accept property for the Moores Creek National Military Park, and for other purposes.

Moores Creek Na-
tional Military Park.

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 is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to accept in behalf of the United States donations of lands, buildings, structures, and other property, or interests therein, which he may determine to be of historical interest in connection with the Moores Creek National Military Park, the title to such property or interests to be satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided,* That the area to be accepted pursuant to this Act shall not exceed one hundred acres. All such property and interests, upon acquisition by the Federal Government, shall be a part of the Moores Creek National Military Park and shall be subject to all laws and regulations applicable thereto.

Approved September 27, 1944.

[CHAPTER 418]

AN ACT

September 27, 1944
[H. R. 4257]
[Public Law 431]

To expatriate or exclude certain persons for evading military and naval service.

Nationality Act of
1940, amendment.

Ante, pp. 4, 677.

Expatriation for
evading military or
naval service.

Exclusion from ad-
mission to U. S.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 401 of the Nationality Act of 1940, approved October 14, 1940 (54 Stat. 1168; U. S. C., title 8, sec. 801), be, and it hereby is, amended by substituting a semicolon and the word "or" in lieu of the period at the end of subsection (i) and by adding thereto a new subsection to be lettered subsection (j), reading as follows:

"(j) Departing from or remaining outside of the jurisdiction of the United States in time of war or during a period declared by the President to be a period of national emergency for the purpose of evading or avoiding training and service in the land or naval forces of the United States."

SEC. 2. Section 3 of the Act of February 5, 1917 (39 Stat. 875), as amended (U. S. C., title 8, sec. 136), is further amended by inserting the following clause before the clause "persons who have been convicted of or admit having committed a felony or other crime or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;": "persons who have departed from the jurisdiction of the United States for the purpose of evading or avoiding training or service in the armed forces of the United States during time of war or during a period declared by the President to be a period of national emergency".

Approved September 27, 1944.

[CHAPTER 419]

AN ACT

To amend the Nationality Act of 1940 to preserve the nationality of citizens residing abroad.

September 27, 1944
[H. R. 4271]
[Public Law 432]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That chapter IV of the Nationality Act of 1940, section 409, is amended to read as follows:

Nationality Act of 1940, amendment.
54 Stat. 1171.
8 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 809.
Citizens residing abroad.
54 Stat. 1170.
8 U. S. C. §§ 804, 807.

"SEC. 409. Nationality shall not be lost under the provisions of section 404 or 407 of this Act until the expiration of five years following the date of the approval of this Act: *Provided, however,* That a naturalized person who shall have become subject to the presumption that he has ceased to be an American citizen as provided for in the second paragraph of section 2 of the Act of March 2, 1907 (34 Stat. 1228), and who shall not have overcome it under the rules in effect immediately preceding the date of the approval of this Act, shall continue to be subject to such presumption for the period of five years following the date of the approval of this Act unless it is overcome during such period."

Approved September 27, 1944.

[CHAPTER 420]

AN ACT

To relinquish the title of the United States to certain lands in the county of Los Angeles, State of California.

September 27, 1944
[H. R. 4286]
[Public Law 433]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to any lands supposed to exist between the east boundary of the Rancho San Francisquito and the west boundary of the Rancho La Puente, in township 1 south, range 11 west, San Bernardino meridian, according to the plats of survey on file in the General Land Office, be, and the same are hereby, released and relinquished by the United States to the equitable owners of the equitable titles thereto and to their respective heirs and assigns forever, as fully and completely, in every respect whatever, as could be done by patents issued according to law: *Provided,* That this Act shall amount only to a relinquishment of any title that the United States has, or is supposed to have, in and to any of said lands, and shall not be construed to abridge, impair, injure, prejudice, or divest in any manner any valid right, title, or interest of any person or body corporate whatever, the true intent of this Act being to concede and abandon all right, title, and interest of the United States to those persons, estates, firms, or corporations who would be the true owners of said lands under the laws of California, including the laws of prescription, in the absence of the said interest, title, and estate of the United States.

County of Los Angeles, Calif.
Relinquishment of U. S. title to certain lands.

Approved September 27, 1944.

[CHAPTER 421]

AN ACT

To allow credit in connection with certain homestead entries for military or naval service rendered during World War II.

September 27, 1944
[H. R. 5025]
[Public Law 434]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who has served or may serve in the military or naval forces of the United States for a period of at least ninety days during World War

Homestead entries by World War II veterans.
Credit for period of service.