

thereof, and was validly initiated under State law prior to the initiation or authorization of the Federal program or project which causes such impairment.

(b) As used in this section—

(1) "beneficial consumptive uses" has the same meaning as when used in the compact consented to by Congress by this Act; and

(2) "Basin" refers to the Republican River Basin as shown on the map attached to and made a part of the original of such compact deposited in the archives of the Department of State.

Approved May 26, 1943.

"Beneficial consumptive uses." *Antz*, p. 87.

"Basin."

[CHAPTER 105]

AN ACT

May 26, 1943
[H. R. 2581]
[Public Law 61]

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

Navy.
Landing craft and
district craft.
Post, p. 604.

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 acquire and convert or to undertake the construction of one million tons of landing craft and district craft of such size, type, and design as he may consider necessary and best suited for the conduct of amphibious operations, for service to the fleet and shore-based forces, and for naval districts, stations, bases, and operating areas at home and abroad, such craft to be in addition to all auxiliary vessels or craft heretofore authorized.

Appropriation authorized.
Post, p. 209.

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.

Approved May 26, 1943.

[CHAPTER 107]

AN ACT

May 29, 1943
[H. R. 328]
[Public Law 62]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, because of military operations, to defer or waive payments under nonmineral leases of public lands in Alaska.

Alaska, public
lands.
Waiver of payments
under nonmineral
leases.

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, in his discretion, may defer or waive all or part of any payment, due or to become due to the United States, under any nonmineral lease of public lands in the Territory of Alaska for any period occurring prior to the end of six months after the termination of hostilities in the present war as proclaimed by the President, or such earlier date as the Congress by concurrent resolution may prescribe, upon a proper showing by the lessee that normal activities on the leasehold have not been or are not possible during such period and that he has sustained loss because of orders issued by the armed services of the United States or because the leased land is in or adjacent to a zone of military operations.

Refunds.

SEC. 2. Upon application by a lessee under such a lease who has made a payment prior to the date of the approval of this Act, and upon a proper showing by him as required in section 1 of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior, in his discretion, may refund all or part of such payment or allow it to be set off against future payments under the lease.

Approved May 29, 1943.

[CHAPTER 109]

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the hours of employment and safeguard the health of females employed in the District of Columbia", approved February 24, 1914.

June 1, 1943
[H. R. 777]
[Public Law 63]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the hours of employment and safeguard the health of females employed in the District of Columbia", approved February 24, 1914, be amended as follows: By changing the period at the end of section 1 to a colon and inserting the following: "*Provided*, That the Minimum Wage and Industrial Safety Board of the District of Columbia, during the period ending June 30, 1945, or such earlier date as the Congress by concurrent resolution may determine, may issue to employers engaged in businesses or occupations specified in this section of this Act, upon satisfactory showing to the said Board that such action is essential to the war effort, a temporary permit, for such period of time and in such form as it may deem advisable, to employ females for more than eight hours in any one day, or more than forty-eight hours, but not to exceed fifty-four hours, in any one week: *Provided further*, That in cases where said Board has issued permits under this section the employer shall pay employees working under such permits an additional sum at the rate of time and one-half for the time they are employed in excess of the limitations under existing law. A true and correct copy of all permits issued pursuant to the authority granted herein shall be displayed by the employer in a prominent place, and in such case the employer shall not be required to post the notice required in section 4 of this Act."

District of Columbia.
Employment of females.

38 Stat. 291.
D. C. Code § 36-301.

Temporary permit to extend hours.

Additional pay.

Display of copy of permit.

38 Stat. 291.
D. C. Code § 36-301.

Approved June 1, 1943.

[CHAPTER 115]

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, for civil functions administered by the War Department, and for other purposes.

June 2, 1943
[H. R. 2346]
[Public Law 64]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, for civil functions administered by the War Department, and for other purposes, namely:

War Department
Civil Appropriation
Act, 1944,
Post, pp. 544, 631.

QUARTERMASTER CORPS

CEMETERIAL EXPENSES

For maintaining and improving national cemeteries, including fuel for and pay of superintendents and the superintendent at Mexico City, and other employees; purchase of grave sites; purchase of tools and materials; repair, maintenance, and operation of passenger-carrying motor vehicles; care and maintenance of the Arlington Memorial Amphitheater, chapel, and grounds in the Arlington National Cemetery, and that portion of Congressional Cemetery to which the United States has title and the graves of those buried therein, including Confederate graves, and including the burial site of Pushmataha, a Choctaw Indian chief; repair to roadways but not to more than a single approach road to any national cemetery constructed under special Act of Congress; for headstones or markers for

Maintenance, etc.

Headstones.