

of meeting and staff assistance to the Board. The staff shall be responsible to the Secretary, who shall prescribe its relations to the Board and the committees of the Board. The Secretary may establish from time to time, upon recommendation of the Board, advisory committees of United States citizens who are recognized experts in their respective fields to assist in the solution of special problems arising under this Act.

SEC. 5. For the guidance of the Federal Government, the Secretary shall promulgate in the name of the Board, from time to time and in such form as will carry out the purposes of this Act, decisions with respect to geographic names and principles of geographic nomenclature and orthography. The Secretary shall also furnish such additional information with respect to geographic names as will assist in carrying out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 6. With respect to geographic names the pertinent decisions and principles issued by the Secretary shall be standard for all material published by the Federal Government. The United States Board on Geographical Names in the Department of the Interior created by Executive order, is hereby abolished, and the duties of said Board are transferred to the Board herein created, and all departments, bureaus, and agencies of the Federal Government shall refer all geographic names and problems to the said Board for the purpose of eliminating duplication of work, personnel, and authority.

SEC. 7. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as applying to the naming of the offices or establishments of any Federal agency.

SEC. 8. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Approved July 25, 1947.

Advisory committees.

Promulgation of decisions, etc.

Standard for Federal Government.

Abolition of Board, etc.

Naming of offices, etc.

Appropriations authorized.
Post, p. 461.

[CHAPTER 331]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Director of the Census to collect and publish statistics of cottonseed and cottonseed products, and for other purposes", approved August 7, 1916.

July 25, 1947
[S. 1497]

[Public Law 243]

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 authorizing the Director of the Census to collect and publish statistics of cottonseed and cottonseed products, and for other purposes", approved August 7, 1916 (39 Stat. 436; U. S. C., title 13, secs. 81 to 84, inclusive), is amended to read as follows:

Statistics of cottonseed and cottonseed products.

"That (a) the Director of the Census is authorized and directed to collect, collate, and publish monthly statistics concerning—

Collection and publication.

"(1) the quantities of (A) cottonseed, soybeans, peanuts, flaxseed, corn germs, copra, sesame seed, babassu nuts and kernels, and other oilseeds, nuts, and kernels received, crushed, and on hand at oil mills; (B) crude and refined oils, cakes, and meals, and other primary products, by type or kind, of the above-mentioned seeds, nuts, and kernels manufactured, shipped out, and on hand at oil mills and processing establishments; (C) crude and refined vegetable oils, by type or kind, used by class of product and held by manufacturers of vegetable shortening, margarine, soap, and other principal products using large quantities of vegetable oils; (D) crude and refined vegetable oils, by type or kind, held in warehouses and in transit to consuming establishments;

"(2) the quantities, by types or kinds, of (A) animal fats and oils and greases produced; (B) animal fats and oils and greases shipped and held by producers; (C) animal fats and oils and greases, fish and marine mammal oils used by class of product

and held by manufacturers of shortening, margarine, soap, and other principal products which require the use of large quantities of animal fats and oils and greases, fish and marine mammal oils; (D) animal fats and oils and greases, fish and marine mammal oils held in warehouses, cold storage, and in transit to consuming establishments.

“(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the Director to collect, more frequently than he deems necessary to provide reliable statistical reports, information from any person who produces, holds, or consumes fats and oils in inconsequential quantities.

Determination of inquiries.

“SEC. 2. The inquiries, and the number, form, and subdivisions thereof for the censuses and surveys provided for in this Act, shall be determined by the Director of the Census, with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce.

Restriction on use of information.

“SEC. 3. All information furnished to the Bureau of the Census by any individual establishment under the provisions of this Act shall be considered as strictly confidential and shall be used only for the statistical purposes for which it is furnished, and shall not be used for any other purpose. Any employee of the Bureau of the Census who, without the written authority of the Director of the Census, shall publish or communicate any information given into his possession by reason of his employment under the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

Communication by employee, penalty.

Answering of census schedules by owner, etc.

“SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of each owner, official, agent, or person in charge of any mill, or of any manufacturing or wholesale establishment or warehouse, or cold-storage establishment, engaged in the activities set forth in subsection (a) of section 1, and when requested by the Director of the Census or by an employee of the Bureau of the Census acting under instructions of said Director, to answer correctly, to the best of his ability, all questions of the census schedules submitted to him under the provisions of this Act. Any owner, official, agent, or person in charge of any mill, or of any manufacturing or wholesale establishment or warehouse, or cold-storage establishment, engaged in the activities set forth in subsection (a) of section 1, and who shall refuse or willfully neglect to answer any questions of the census schedules submitted to him under the provisions of this Act or shall willfully answer any such questions falsely shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$1,000. The request of the Director of the Census may be made by registered mail, by telegraph, by visiting representative, or by one or more of these, and if made by registered mail or by telegraph the return receipt therefor shall be prima facie evidence of an official request.

Penalty for refusal etc.

Statistics not specifically required.

“SEC. 5. The Director of the Census shall not by this Act be restricted or limited from collecting and publishing under the general authority of the Bureau such statistics on fats and oils or products thereof not specifically herein required as is deemed to be in the public interest.

Statistics collected by other Federal agencies.

“SEC. 6. Statistics now required under existing Federal law to be collected by any other Federal department or agency in a manner comparable both as to form and period of time to the collection of statistics provided for herein shall not be collected by the Director of the Census under the authority of this Act: *Provided*, That immediately upon his request, the Director of the Census shall have access to any such statistics and shall include them in the publication required herein.”

Approved July 25, 1947.

[CHAPTER 332]

AN ACT

To confer upon the Governor of Alaska the power to pardon and remit fines and forfeitures for offenses against laws of the Territory of Alaska.

July 25, 1947
[H. R. 175]
[Public Law 244]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act of June 6, 1900 (31 Stat. 321; 48 U. S. C. 61), be amended by striking out the sentence, "He may also grant reprieves for offenses committed against the laws of the district or of the United States until the decision of the President thereon shall be made known.", and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "He may grant pardons and reprieves and remit fines and forfeitures for offenses against the laws of the said Territory and reprieves for all offenses against the laws of the United States until the decision of the President thereon shall be made known."

Alaska.
Power of Governor
to grant pardons, etc.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon the date of its enactment.

Effective date.

Approved July 25, 1947.

[CHAPTER 333]

AN ACT

To amend the Natural Gas Act approved June 21, 1938, as amended.

July 25, 1947
[H. R. 2056]
[Public Law 245]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, approved June 21, 1938, as amended (15 U. S. C. 717f), is hereby amended by adding after subsection (g) the following new subsection:

52 Stat. 824.

"(h) When any holder of a certificate of public convenience and necessity cannot acquire by contract, or is unable to agree with the owner of property to the compensation to be paid for, the necessary right-of-way to construct, operate, and maintain a pipe line or pipe lines for the transportation of natural gas, and the necessary land or other property, in addition to right-of-way, for the location of compressor stations, pressure apparatus, or other stations or equipment necessary to the proper operation of such pipe line or pipe lines, it may acquire the same by the exercise of the right of eminent domain in the district court of the United States for the district in which such property may be located, or in the State courts. The practice and procedure in any action or proceeding for that purpose in the district court of the United States shall conform as nearly as may be with the practice and procedure in similar action or proceeding in the courts of the State where the property is situated: *Provided*, That the United States district courts shall only have jurisdiction of cases when the amount claimed by the owner of the property to be condemned exceeds \$3,000."

Right-of-way for
pipe line, etc.

Practice and procedure.

Jurisdiction of
courts.

Approved July 25, 1947.

[CHAPTER 334]

AN ACT

To enable the Osage Tribal Council to determine the bonus value of tracts offered for lease for oil, gas, and other mining purposes, Osage Mineral Reservation, Oklahoma.

July 25, 1947
[H. R. 3323]
[Public Law 246]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the third paragraph of section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act relating to the tribal and individual affairs of the Osage Indians of Oklahoma", approved

Osage Indians,
Okla.
Determination of
bonus value of certain
tracts.