

CHAP. 89.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to exchange for lands in private ownership lands formerly embraced in the grant to the Oregon and California Railroad Company.

May 31, 1918.
[H. R. 5489.]

[Public, No. 162.]

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 the administration of the Act of June nine, nineteen hundred and sixteen, entitled "An Act to alter and amend an Act entitled 'An Act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific Railroad, in California, to Portland, in Oregon,' approved July twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, as amended by the Acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight and eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and to alter and amend an Act entitled 'An Act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from Portland to Astoria and McMinnville, in the State of Oregon,' approved May fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy, and for other purposes" (Thirty-ninth Statutes at Large, page two hundred and eighteen), is hereby authorized and empowered, in his discretion, to exchange lands formerly embraced within the grant to the Oregon and California Railroad Company and vested in the United States by said Act for other lands of approximately equal aggregate value held in private ownership, either within or contiguous to the former limits of said grant, when by such action he will be enabled thereby advantageously to consolidate the holdings of timber lands by the United States: *Provided,* That all lands and timber secured by virtue of such exchange shall be disposed of in accordance with the terms and provisions of said Act of revestment.

Public lands.
Exchange of revested
Oregon and California
grant lands with pri-
vate owners.
Vol. 39, p. 218.
Vol. 14, p. 239.
Vol. 16, pp. 47, 94.

Proviso.
Disposal of acquired
lands, etc.

Regulations, etc. :

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to perform any and all acts and to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for the purpose of carrying the provisions of this Act into full force and effect.

Approved, May 31, 1918.

CHAP. 90.—Joint Resolution To prevent rent profiteering in the District of Columbia.

May 31, 1918.
[S. J. Res. 152.]

[Pub. Res., No. 31.]

District of Columbia.
Preamble.

Whereas by reason of the existence of a state of war, it is essential to the national security and defense, and for the successful prosecution of the war, to establish governmental control and assure adequate regulation of real estate in the District of Columbia for and during the period hereinafter set forth: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That until a treaty of peace shall have been definitely concluded between the United States and the Imperial German Government, unless in the meantime otherwise provided by Congress, no judicial order, decree, or judgment for the recovery of possession of any real estate in the District of Columbia, now or hereafter held or acquired by oral or written agreement of lease for one month or any longer period, or for the ejection or dispossession of a tenant therefrom, shall be made, and all leases thereof shall continue so long as the tenant continues to pay rent at the agreed rate and performs the other conditions of the tenancy which are not inconsistent herewith, unless the tenant has committed waste, or has been guilty on the premises of conduct which constitutes a nuisance or a breach of the peace, or other misdemeanor or crime, or that the premises are necessarily required by a landlord or bona fide purchaser for occupation either by himself or his wife, children, or dependents while he is in the employ of or officially connected with any branch of the Government, or where the property has been sold to a bona fide purchaser for his own occu-

Rent profiteering.
Restriction on com-
pulsory dispossession
of real estate tenants
during the war, etc.

Conditions.

Modification, etc., of unexecuted orders, decrees, or judgments.

Leases of premises sold to new owner.

Apartments, rooms, etc., included as real estate.

pancy; and where such order, decree, or judgment has been made, but not executed before the passage of this resolution, the court by which the order, decree, or judgment was made shall, if it is of the opinion that the order, decree, or judgment would not have been made if this resolution had been in force at the date of the making of the order, decree, or judgment, rescind or modify the order, decree, or judgment in such manner as the court may deem proper for the purpose of giving effect to this resolution; and all remedies, at law or in equity, of the lessor based on any provision in any oral or written agreement of lease that the same shall be determined or forfeited if the premises shall be sold are hereby suspended while this resolution shall be in force, and every purchaser shall take the conveyance of any premises subject to the rights of all tenants in possession thereof under the provisions of this resolution.

That the term "real estate" as herein used shall be construed to include any and all land, any building, any part of any building, house, or dwelling, any apartment, room, suite of rooms and every other improvement or structure whatsoever on land situated and being in the District of Columbia.

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June 1, 1918.

[H. R. 8764.]

[Public, No. 163.]

Illinois centennial. Silver fifty-cent pieces to be coined in commemoration of. Number.

CHAP. 91.—An Act To authorize the coinage of fifty-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State of Illinois into the Union.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, as soon as practicable, and in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State of Illinois into the Union as a State, there shall be coined at the mints of the United States, silver fifty-cent pieces to the number of one hundred thousand, such fifty-cent pieces to be of the standard troy weight, composition, diameter, device, and design, as shall be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, and said fifty-cent pieces shall be legal tender in any payment to the amount of their face value.

Legal tender.

Coinage laws made applicable.

SEC. 2. That all laws now in force relating to the subsidiary silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same, regulating and guarding the process of coinage, providing for the purchase of material, and for the transportation, distribution, and redemption of the coins, for the prevention of debasement or counterfeiting, for security of the coin, or for any other purpose, whether said laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage herein authorized: *Provided,* That the Government shall not be subject to the expense of making the necessary dies and other preparations for this coinage.

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June 4, 1918.

[H. R. 12280.]

[Public, No. 164.]

Deficiencies appropriations for war expenses, etc.

Ante, pp. 182, 385, 456.
Post, pp. 821, 1020, 1161.

CHAP. 92.—An Act Making appropriations to supply additional urgent deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, on account of war expenses and for other purposes.

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, to supply additional urgent deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, on account of war expenses and for other purposes, namely: