

following described lands, to wit: Section 9, south half, section 10, southwest quarter, and that part of the east half south of Generals Highway; section 11, that part south of Generals Highway; section 13, that part south of Generals Highway; section 14, that part south of Generals Highway, section 15, east half, northwest quarter, and the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter, section 21, southeast quarter of the northeast quarter, and the east half of the southeast quarter; section 22, east half, east half of the northwest quarter, southwest quarter of the northwest quarter and southwest quarter; section 23; section 24, that part south of Generals Highway; sections 25 and 26; section 27, east half, northwest quarter, and that part of the southwest quarter north and east of the crest of Redwood Mountain; section 34, that part east of the crest of Redwood Mountain; sections 35 and 36, township 14 south, range 28 east; all of sections 1 and 2; section 3, that part east of the crest of Redwood Mountain; section 11, that part east and north of the crest of Redwood Mountain; all of section 12; section 13, that part north of the Sequoia National Park boundary, township 15 south, range 28 east, Mount Diablo meridian, which shall be subject to all laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the said park. Such extension of the General Grant grove section of the said park shall not interfere with the movement of stock and vehicular traffic without charge, under general regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, to and from national forest lands on either side of the said park extension. The Kings Canyon National Park shall receive and use all moneys heretofore or hereafter appropriated for General Grant National Park.

Movement of stock and vehicular traffic.

Transfer of funds.

Use for recreational purposes.

Motor-vehicle licenses.

Proviso. Privilege limitation.

Administration, etc.

16 U. S. C., ch. 1; Supp. V, ch. 1.

SEC. 3. That the National Park Service shall, under the rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, administer for public recreational purposes the lands withdrawn.

SEC. 4. That any motor-vehicle license issued for Sequoia National Park shall be applicable to Kings Canyon National Park, and vice versa: *Provided*, That in order to insure the permanent preservation of the wilderness character of the Kings Canyon National Park the Secretary of the Interior may, in his discretion, limit the character and number of privileges that he may grant within the Kings Canyon National Park. No privileges shall be granted for a period in excess of five years.

SEC. 5. That the administration, protection, and development of the Kings Canyon National Park shall be exercised under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior by the National Park Service, subject to the provisions of the Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535), entitled "An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes", as amended.

Approved, March 4, 1940.

[CHAPTER 41]

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States", approved July 1, 1898, and Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

March 4, 1940
[H. R. 6506]
[Public, No. 425]

Bankruptcy Act of 1898, amendments.

50 Stat. 855.
11 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 403 (a).
Petition for composition of obligations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 83a of chapter IX of an Act entitled "An Act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States", approved July 1, 1898, as amended, be, and it is hereby, amended by inserting immediately after the first paragraph of said section 83a the following: "Wherever the petition seeks to effect a plan for the composition of obligations represented by securities, or evidences in any form of rights

to payment, issued by the petitioner to defray the cost of local improvements and payable out of the proceeds of special assessments or special taxes levied by the petitioner, it shall be sufficient if the petitioner aver that the property liable for the payment of such securities, principal, and interest, is not of sufficient value to pay same, and that the accrued interest on such securities is past due and in default; and the list of creditors to be filed with such petition need contain only the known claimants of rights based on those securities evidencing the obligations sought to be composed under this chapter, and such list shall include separately the names and addresses of those creditors who have accepted the plan of composition. A list of the record owners or holders of title, legal, or equitable, to any real estate involved in the proceeding, shall also be filed with the petition, and such record owners or holders of title shall be notified in the manner provided in this section for creditors and be entitled to hearing by the court upon reasonable application therefor."

SEC. 2. The provisions of the foregoing section shall be deemed to be additional and cumulative and not in diminution of any of the powers conferred by the Act hereby amended.

Approved, March 4, 1940.

[CHAPTER 44]

AN ACT

To facilitate the procurement of aircraft for the national defense.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, until June 30, 1941, whenever contracts are to be awarded as a result of competitive bids for furnishing the War Department or the Navy Department with aircraft, aircraft parts, and accessories therefor, the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to award a contract for the aircraft, aircraft parts, and accessories to be purchased as a result of any such competition to the bidder that the said Secretary shall find to be the lowest responsible bidder that can satisfactorily perform the work or service required to the best advantage of the Government, or, in his discretion and when such action is considered necessary by the said Secretary in the interest of the national defense, to award contracts for such aircraft, aircraft parts, and accessories to such bidders, not exceeding three in number, as said Secretary shall find to be the lowest responsible bidders that can satisfactorily perform the work or the service required to the best advantage of the Government. The determinations as to such multiple awards and the necessity for making the same shall be based upon quality, times and rate of delivery, price and the prevention of the overloading of a plant or plants and such division of awards shall be made only when found by the said Secretary to be in the interest of the national defense: *Provided*, That no awards shall be made at prices in excess of those offered by the bidders in any such competition and that the decision of the Secretary of the Department concerned as to the award of any such contract, or contracts, the interpretation of the provisions thereof, and the application and administration of the same shall not be reviewable, otherwise than as may be therein provided for, by any officer or tribunal of the United States except the President and the Federal courts: *Provided further*, That a report shall be made to the Congress by the Secretary of the Department concerned in the case of any competition as a result of which quantity contracts are entered into under authority*

List of creditors, contents.

List of record owners, etc., of real estate involved.

Hearing.

Provisions deemed additional.

March 5, 1940

[S. 2868]

[Public, No. 428]

Procurement of aircraft for national defense.
Awarding of contracts.

Multiple awards.

Determination and necessity for making, basis.

Provisos.
Price limitation.

Decision, interpretation, application, etc.; review restriction.

Quantity contracts, report to Congress.