

Limitation on profits.

53 Stat. 560.
10 U. S. C., Supp. V, §§ 311, 312; 34 U. S. C. § 496; Supp. V, § 496.
Necessity for procurement.

Authority herein granted, construction.

53 Stat. 560, 1000.
10 U. S. C. §§ 310, 1201; Supp. V, §§ 311-313; 34 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 496.

Application to designated contracts.

of this Act with more than one bidder, immediately upon the execution of such contracts, setting forth the articles purchased, the prices paid therefor, the name or names of each bidder, and of each contractor receiving a contract, and the particular reasons for awarding each of such contracts: *Provided further*, That any contract entered into under the authority hereby granted, for the construction of any complete aircraft or any portion thereof, shall be subject to the applicable profit-limitation provisions of the Act of March 27, 1934 (48 Stat. 505), as amended by the Act of June 25, 1936 (49 Stat. 1926), and as further amended by the Act of April 3, 1939 (Public, Numbered 18, Seventy-sixth Congress): *Provided further*, That procurement of aircraft, aircraft parts, and accessories therefor shall be made under authority of this Act only when in the opinion of the Secretary of the Department concerned such action is necessary in the public interest: *Provided further*, That the authority herein granted shall not be construed to abrogate, repeal, or suspend any of the provisions of Revised Statutes (3709, U. S. C. 41:5), the Act of March 2, 1901 (31 Stat. 905), the Act of July 2, 1926 (44 Stat. 787), section 14 of the Act of April 3, 1939 (Public, Numbered 18, Seventy-sixth Congress), or of the Act of July 13, 1939 (Public, Numbered 168, Seventy-sixth Congress), or to prohibit the award of any contracts in any manner now authorized by law, but shall be construed as additional legislation to be utilized under the conditions herein set forth, during the effective period of this Act: *And provided further*, That this Act shall be applicable under the conditions herein set forth to awards of contracts upon which competitive bids have been heretofore requested or received but as a result of which contracts have not been awarded.

Approved, March 5, 1940.

[CHAPTER 45]

AN ACT

March 5, 1940

[H. R. 112]

[Public, No. 427]

To facilitate control of soil erosion and flood damage on lands within the Ozark and Ouachita National Forests in Arkansas.

Ozark and Ouachita National Forests, Ark. Acquisition of lands by U. S. to minimize soil erosion, etc.
36 Stat. 962.

Payment.

Proviso. Disposition of unexpended, etc., funds.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture, with the approval of the National Forest Reservation Commission, established by section 4 of the Act of March 1, 1911 (U. S. C., title 16, sec. 513), is hereby authorized to acquire by purchase any lands, or interests therein, within the boundaries of the Ozark and Ouachita National Forests, in the State of Arkansas, which, in his judgment, should become the property of the United States in order that they may be so managed with other lands of the United States as to minimize soil erosion and flood damage, and to pay for said lands, or interests therein, from the receipts from the sale of natural resources other than mineral or occupancy of public land within the Ozark National Forest and that part of the Ouachita National Forest situated in the State of Arkansas, not to exceed one-half of which receipts are hereby authorized to be appropriated for that purpose until said lands have been acquired: *Provided*, That any appropriated amounts which are unexpended and unobligated at the close of the fiscal year for which appropriated shall be transferred to the national-forest receipts of that fiscal year and amounts so transferred and such parts of the entire receipts of any fiscal year as are not appropriated shall be disposed of in like manner as other national-forest receipts.

Approved, March 5, 1940.

[CHAPTER 46]

AN ACT

Providing payment to employees, Bureau of Reclamation, for mileage traveled in privately owned automobiles.

March 6, 1940
[H. R. 3391]
[Public, No. 428]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Comptroller General is hereby authorized and directed to credit disbursing agents of the Bureau of Reclamation for payments made as mileage reimbursement for the use, during the period of February 14, 1931, to April 30, 1932, of privately owned motor vehicles, in accordance with the Act of February 14, 1931 (46 Stat. 1146), which payments were suspended and/or disallowed pursuant to the decision of the Comptroller General of April 30, 1932 (A-41688). In those cases where collections have been made from employees pursuant to such suspension and/or disallowed, refunds are authorized: *Provided, however,* That all payments made pursuant to this Act shall be at the rate of 4 cents per mile.

Bureau of Reclamation.
Payments to employees for travel in privately owned motor vehicles.

Refunds.

Proviso.
Rate.

Approved, March 6, 1940.

[CHAPTER 47]

AN ACT

To amend the Bonneville Project Act.

March 6, 1940
[H. R. 7270]
[Public, No. 429]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 (a) of chapter 720 of the Acts of the Seventy-fifth Congress, first session (50 Stat. 731, 732), is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence ending "in the vicinity of the Bonneville project.", the following sentence: "The Secretary of the Interior shall also appoint, without regard to the civil-service laws, an Assistant Administrator, chief engineer, and general counsel and shall fix the compensation of each at not exceeding \$7,500 per annum. The Assistant Administrator shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Administrator, in the event of the absence or sickness of the Administrator until such absence or sickness shall cease, and, in the event of a vacancy in the office of Administrator until a successor is appointed."

Bonneville Project Act, amendments.
16 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 832a.

Assistant Administrator; appointment, duties, and powers.

SEC. 2. Section 2 (a) of said Act is hereby further amended by adding at the end of said section the following:

"The office of the Administrator of the Bonneville project is hereby constituted an office in the Department of the Interior and shall be under the jurisdiction and control of the Secretary of the Interior. All functions vested in the Administrator of the Bonneville project under this Act may be exercised by the Secretary of the Interior and, subject to his supervision and direction, by the Administrator and other personnel of the project."

Jurisdiction, etc.

SEC. 3. Section 4 (b) of the said chapter is hereby amended by striking out the words and figures "January 1, 1941" wherever they occur therein and by substituting in lieu thereof the words and figures "January 1, 1942".

Sale of power, time extensions.
16 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 832c.

Approved, March 6, 1940.

[CHAPTER 48]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the United States Maritime Commission to acquire certain lands at Saint Petersburg, Florida.

March 9, 1940
[H. J. Res. 424]
[Pub. Res., No. 57]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States Maritime Commission is hereby authorized, with funds in the construction fund of the Commission, to acquire on behalf of the United

St. Petersburg, Fla.
Acquisition of certain lands at, authorized.