

## [CHAPTER 346]

## AN ACT

To authorize the lease or sale of public lands for use in connection with the manufacture of arms, ammunition, and implements of war, and so forth.

June 5, 1942  
[H. R. 5394]  
[Public Law 586]

*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 is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to lease or sell, on such terms and conditions and subject to such provisions and restrictions as he may deem proper, vacant public lands withdrawn or reserved by Executive Order Numbered 6910 of November 26, 1934, or Executive Order Numbered 6964 of February 5, 1935, or within a grazing district, but not otherwise withdrawn or reserved, to any person, partnership, or corporation for use in connection with the manufacture of arms, ammunition, and implements of war, or the production of equipment, supplies, and materials, or machinery usable in such manufacture: *Provided,* That all patents issued under the provisions of this Act shall contain a reservation to the United States of all mineral deposits in the lands, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same.

Public lands.  
Lease or sale for war  
production purposes.

*Proviso.*  
Reservation of mineral  
rights.

Taxation.

SEC. 2. For so long as any public land is leased under the provisions of this Act, the lessee's interest in the land and improvements shall be taxable by the State in which the land lies or by any political subdivision of such State, except that tax liens on the leasehold interest or improvements shall be subordinate to any liens held by any agency or instrumentality of the United States.

Rules and regula-  
tions.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make any rules or regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Duration of Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall cease to be operative six months after the termination of the unlimited national emergency proclaimed by the President in the proclamation of May 27, 1941 (Executive Proclamation Numbered 2487).

55 Stat. 1647.  
50 U. S. C., Supp. I,  
app., prec. § 1 note.

Approved, June 5, 1942.

## [CHAPTER 347]

## AN ACT

For the relief of the Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska.

June 5, 1942  
[H. R. 5484]  
[Public Law 587]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the time within which suit or suits may be filed by the Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska under the terms of the Act of Congress of June 19, 1935 (ch. 275, 49 Stat. L. 388), is hereby extended for a period of three years from and after the date of the approval of this Act.

Tlingit and Haida  
Indians of Alaska.  
Time extension for  
filing suit.

Approved, June 5, 1942.

## [CHAPTER 348]

## AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to quitclaim to the States of Oregon and California, respectively, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the lands of Goose Lake in Oregon and California.

June 5, 1942  
[H. R. 5490]  
[Public Law 588]

*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 is authorized to quitclaim to the State of Oregon for the benefit of the State and/or of those claiming under the State at the date of such quitclaim deed, all the right, title, interest, and estate of the United States in and to the lands of Goose Lake held, or that might be asserted, by the United States under or in pursuance of section 2 of chapter 5 of the General Laws of Oregon, 1905, and to

Goose Lake, Oreg.  
and Calif.  
Quitclaim by U. S.  
of title to lands.

quitclaim to the State of California for the benefit of the State and/or of those claiming under the State at the date of such quitclaim, deed, all the right, title, interest, and estate of the United States in and to the lands of Goose Lake held, or that might be asserted, by the United States under or in pursuance of the act of February 3, 1905, of the State of California (California Statutes, 1905, page 4).

Approved, June 5, 1942.

## [CHAPTER 349]

## AN ACT

To expedite the settlement of claims and accounts incident to certain agricultural adjustment programs, and for other purposes.

June 5, 1942  
[H. R. 5636]  
[Public Law 539]

Agricultural adjustment programs.  
Settlement of claims and accounts.

7 U. S. C., ch. 26.  
*Ante*, p. 85.  
Time limit for filing.

Disposition of unobligated balance.

*Proviso.*  
Administrative expenses.

Credit in accounts of disbursing officers.  
48 Stat. 31.  
7 U. S. C., ch. 26.  
*Ante*, p. 85.

49 Stat. 1116.

7 U. S. C. §§ 1401-1407.

*Proviso.*  
Payments made in good faith.

Excess payments received in good faith.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in order to expedite the settlement of claims and accounts incident to the agricultural adjustment programs in effect prior to January 6, 1936, under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933 (48 Stat. 31), amendments thereto, and related legislation, no claim shall be considered or paid from the appropriation "Payments for Agricultural Adjustment" made by the Supplemental Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1936 (49 Stat. 1116), as amended, unless presented to the Secretary of Agriculture within one hundred and twenty calendar days from the date of approval of this Act, and the unobligated balance remaining in said appropriation one hundred and eighty calendar days after the date of approval of this Act shall be covered into the surplus fund of the Treasury: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$25,000 of such unobligated balance shall remain available thereafter for not more than one calendar year for administrative expenses incident to carrying out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 2. That with respect to payments made in connection with any program (1) under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933 or amendments thereto or other legislation relating to programs inaugurated prior to January 6, 1936, which were administered through the Agricultural Adjustment Administration; (2) under the appropriation "Payments for Agricultural Adjustment" as made in the Supplemental Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1936, as amended; or (3) under title IV of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 70), amendments thereto and related legislation, the Comptroller General of the United States is hereby authorized to allow credit in the accounts of the disbursing officers who made the payments and no charge shall be raised against the certifying officers who certified the vouchers: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Agriculture certifies that such payments were made in good faith and without fraud or collusion on the part of such disbursing officers or certifying officers.

SEC. 3. That where it appears payments mentioned in section 2 hereof have been made in excess of the amounts to which the persons to whom such payments were made were entitled, without fraud on their part, no action shall be taken by the United States to recover such excess payments if the Secretary of Agriculture, after such investigation as he deems appropriate, certifies that, considering the contribution made in good faith by any such person to agricultural adjustment compared with the contributions of other persons somewhat similarly situated, it would be inequitable to require refund of the excessive payments; or certifies that appropriate efforts to obtain such refunds have failed and there is no reasonable prospect of later obtaining such refunds.

Approved, June 5, 1942.