

payments authorized by this Act be made for any period prior to the date of enactment of this Act.

Disability pensions.

SEC. 17. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, pension payable for disability shall be payable from date of discharge if claim therefor is filed within one year from discharge.

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[CHAPTER 234]

AN ACT

July 13, 1943
[H. R. 2988]
Public Law 145]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to authorize black-outs in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved December 26, 1941, as amended.

District of Columbia.
Black-outs.
55 Stat. 858.
D. C. Code, Supp. II, §§ 6-1001 to 6-1013.
Coordination of non-protective volunteer civilian services.

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 to authorize black-outs in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved December 26, 1941, as amended, be further amended by adding thereto the following new section:

"SEC. 14. During the existence of a state of war between the United States and any foreign country or nation, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized to expend, in their discretion, from the money authorized by section 9 of this Act to be borrowed, for personal services, supplies, and other expenses in connection with the coordination of nonprotective volunteer civilian services, not exceeding \$25,000 per year."

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[CHAPTER 236]

AN ACT

July 13, 1943
[H. R. 2798]
Public Law 146]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide that the United States shall aid the States in the construction of rural post roads, and for other purposes", approved July 11, 1916, as amended and supplemented, and for other purposes.

Federal Highway Act, amendment.
23 U. S. C. § 2.
"Construction."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the definition of the term "construction" in section 2 of the Federal Highway Act approved November 9, 1921 (42 Stat. 212), is hereby amended to read as follows: "The term 'construction' means the supervising, inspecting, actual building, and all expenses, including the costs of rights-of-way, incidental to the construction of a highway, except locating, surveying, and mapping."

Defense Highway Act of 1941, amendments.
23 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 105.

SEC. 2. Section 5 of the Defense Highway Act of 1941 (55 Stat. 765) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. REAPPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUNDS.—Federal funds apportioned to the States prior to January 1, 1942, for expenditure on the system of Federal-aid highways, on secondary or feeder roads, and for the elimination of hazards to life at railroad grade crossings in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Highway Act, as amended and supplemented, which were not on that date obligated by the States and which shall not be so obligated on or before June 30, 1943, shall not be reapportioned among the States in accordance with the provisions of said Act, as amended and supplemented, but shall remain available for obligation by the States during continuance of the emergency declared by the President on May 27, 1941, and for a period of one year thereafter."

55 Stat. 1647.
50 U. S. C., Supp. II, app., note prec. § 1.
Future and post-war construction.

SEC. 3. The Commissioner of Public Roads is hereby authorized to expend in cooperation with the highway department of any State for engineering and economic investigations of projects for future construction and for surveys, plans, specifications, and estimates for post-war highway improvements so much of the unobligated funds

for regular Federal aid, for secondary or feeder roads, and for the elimination of hazards at railroad grade crossings, that now remain available to such State, as may be deemed adequate, but not to exceed in any State an amount which would represent such State's share of \$50,000,000 apportioned under the formula provided under section 21 of the Federal Highway Act: *Provided*, That agreements may be entered into with any State highway department for such post-war highway projects not exceeding the unobligated Federal funds.

42 Stat. 217.
23 U. S. C. § 21;
Supp. II, § 21.

SEC. 4. Section 6 of the Defense Highway Act of 1941, approved November 19, 1941 (Public Law Numbered 295, Seventy-seventh Congress), as amended by the Act of July 2, 1942 (Public Law Numbered 646, Seventy-seventh Congress), is hereby further amended by striking out the figure "\$10,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "not to exceed \$27,500,000".

Certain access roads.

55 Stat. 766; 56 Stat. 562.
23 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 106.

SEC. 5. The Commissioner of Public Roads is authorized and directed to make a survey of the need for a system of express highways throughout the United States, the number of such highways needed, the approximate routes which they should follow, and the approximate cost of construction; and to report to the President and to Congress, within six months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the results of such survey together with such recommendations for legislation as is deemed advisable.

Survey respecting express highways.

SEC. 6. Section 10 of the Defense Highway Act of 1941, approved November 19, 1941 (Public Law 295, Seventy-seventh Congress), is amended to read as follows:

55 Stat. 768.
23 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 110.

"SEC. 10. EMERGENCY REPAIRS.—The Commissioner of Public Roads is authorized to reimburse the several States for the necessary rehabilitation or repair of roads and highways of States or their subdivisions substantially damaged by the Army or the Navy, or both, by any other agency of the Government or by any person or contractor employed by or contracting with the Army or Navy or any other agency of the Government in the performance of contract work in connection with the prosecution of the war or national defense. The Commissioner is authorized on behalf of the United States to consider, ascertain, adjust, and determine any claim accruing subsequent to May 27, 1941, submitted by the State highway department of any State, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Commissioner, for reimbursement of the cost of such rehabilitation or repair.

Highways damaged by Army, Navy, etc. Reimbursement to States.

"Such amount as may be found to be due to any claimant shall be certified to Congress for payment out of appropriations that may be made by Congress therefor, together with a brief statement of the character of each claim, the amount claimed, and the amount allowed: *Provided*, That no claim shall be considered by the Commissioner unless notice of intention to file such claim has been presented to him within thirty days after the occurrence of the damage upon which the claim is based, except that in case of damage caused by maneuvers such notice shall be filed within thirty days after completion of such maneuvers: *And provided further*, That in either case such notice of damage accruing before the passage of this Act shall be filed within thirty days after the passage thereof."

Payment of claim.

SEC. 7. (a) Not to exceed \$10,000,000 of any money heretofore or hereafter appropriated for expenditure in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Highway Act, as amended and supplemented, shall be available for expenditure by the Commissioner of Public Roads, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Highway Act, as amended and supplemented, as an emergency relief fund, after receipt of an application therefor from the highway department of any State, in the repair or reconstruction of highways and bridges on the system of Federal-aid highways (including secondary and feeder

Highways damaged by floods, etc. Expenditures.
42 Stat. 212.
23 U. S. C. § 1;
Supp. II, § 6 *et seq.*
Ante, p. 560.

Reimbursement.

Rehabilitation of roads and bridges.

42 Stat. 212; 55 Stat. 765.

23 U. S. C. § 1; Supp. II, § 6 *et seq.*, § 104.

Ante, p. 560.

48 Stat. 994; 52 Stat. 634.

23 U. S. C. § 13a.

Use of funds to pay share of State.

55 Stat. 1647.

50 U. S. C., Supp. II, app., note prec. § 1.

Federal aid to States for toll bridges made free.

50 Stat. 640; 53 Stat. 1066.

23 U. S. C. § 9a-1.

Standards required.

42 Stat. 212.

23 U. S. C. § 1; Supp. II, § 6 *et seq.*

Ante, p. 560.

Payment, limitation and use.

Payments from secondary Federal-aid road funds.

Acquisition of bridge by Federal Works Administrator.

roads) which he finds, after investigation, have been damaged or destroyed by floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, or landslides, and there is hereby authorized to be appropriated any sum or sums necessary to reimburse the funds so expended from time to time under the authority of this section.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any money heretofore apportioned to any State under the provisions of the Federal Highway Act, as amended and supplemented, or section 4 of the Defense Highway Act of 1941, which is unobligated on the date of approval of this Act shall be available for expenditure for the rehabilitation of roads and bridges as provided in section 3 of the Act approved June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 993), section 4 of the Act of June 8, 1938 (52 Stat. 633), and paragraph (a) of this section, without regard to the limitation of funds contained in such sections: *Provided*, That any amounts made available to any State under the provisions of this paragraph may be used to pay the share of such State in the cost of any project authorized by this section: *Provided further*, That the provisions of this section shall apply only during the continuance of the emergency declared by the President on May 27, 1941, and for a period of one year thereafter.

SEC. 8. The Act entitled "An Act to aid the several States in making, or for having made, certain toll bridges on the system of Federal-aid highways free bridges, and for other purposes", approved August 14, 1937, as amended by section 1 of the Act approved July 19, 1939 (53 Stat. 1066), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"That in the case of each and every State which, prior to January 1, 1945, shall have constructed or acquired any toll bridges, including interstate toll bridges, serving the approved system of Federal-aid highways, and which has caused or, prior to January 1, 1945, shall cause any such toll bridge or toll bridges to be made free, the Federal Works Administrator shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay out of the regular and secondary Federal-aid road funds apportioned to such State not to exceed 50 per centum of such amount as may be approved by the Federal Works Administrator as the current reasonable value of the physical property, exclusive of rights-of-way, of any such bridge which the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy shall certify to him will contribute to the war effort: *Provided*, That no payment of Federal funds shall be made on account of any such bridge which was not constructed in accordance with plans and specifications which would meet the standards required under the Federal Highway Act at the time such bridge was constructed: *Provided further*, That no such payment shall be made which will exceed 50 per centum of the current reasonable value of the physical properties of any such bridge, nor shall such payment in the case of any bridge which was constructed or acquired with the aid of Federal funds or with the aid of a grant from the Federal Government exceed 50 per centum of the current reasonable value of the physical properties of such bridge which remains after deducting therefrom the share of cost or of grant already paid by the Federal Government, and any amount so paid on account of any such bridge from regular Federal-aid road funds shall be used for matching unobligated regular Federal-aid road funds available to the State for expenditure in the improvement of highways on the system of Federal-aid highways, and any amount so paid on account of any such bridge from secondary Federal-aid road funds shall be used for matching unobligated secondary Federal-aid road funds available to the State for expenditure in the improvement of secondary or feeder roads: *And provided further*, That if the State, or the political subdivision or subdivisions thereof in which any such bridge shall be located, shall

be unable to acquire such bridge by purchase agreement or by condemnation under the laws of the State with reasonable promptness and the highway department of the State shall certify such fact to the Federal Works Administrator the Administrator then shall have the authority to acquire and make free any such bridge which the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy shall certify to him will contribute to the war effort, by condemnation in the manner provided by section 14 of the Defense Highway Act of 1941 or under title II of the Second War Powers Act, 1942, subject to the condition that the highway department of the State shall agree to assume one-half the cost of so acquiring any such bridge by the Federal Works Administrator and to accept such bridge after it is acquired and thereafter maintain and operate it as a free bridge.

SEC. 9. No part of any appropriation authorized in this Act shall be impounded or withheld from obligation or expenditure by any agency or official, unless the War Production Board shall certify that the use of critical material for additional highway construction would impede the conduct of the war.

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55 Stat. 769; 56 Stat. 177.
23 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 114; 50 U. S. C., Supp. II, app. § 632.
Acceptance by State.

Impoundment, etc., of funds.

[CHAPTER 237]

AN ACT

To permit certain burials in the Scottish Rite Temple in the District of Columbia.

July 13, 1943
[H. R. 2828]
[Public Law 147]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General Knights Commanders of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, is hereby authorized to permit the burial of the remains of not to exceed two persons in vaults built for that purpose in its temple, situated on lot numbered 800, in square 192, at the southeast corner of S and Sixteenth Streets Northwest, in the District of Columbia, under such sanitary regulations as shall be prescribed for such burials by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Burials in Scottish Rite Temple.

Approved July 13, 1943.

[CHAPTER 238]

AN ACT

To provide for the establishment of the George Washington Carver National Monument.

July 14, 1943
[H. R. 647]
[Public Law 148]

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 and directed to acquire, on behalf of the United States, by gift or purchase, the site of the birthplace of George Washington Carver, distinguished Negro scientist, located near Diamond, Missouri, together with such additional land or interests in land and any improvements thereon as the Secretary may deem necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act. In the event the Secretary is unable to acquire such property, or any part thereof, at a reasonable price, he is authorized and directed to condemn such property, or any part thereof, in the manner provided by law.

George Washington Carver National Monument.
Acquisition of site.

SEC. 2. The property acquired under the provisions of section 1 of this Act shall constitute the George Washington Carver National Monument and shall be a public national memorial to George Washington Carver. The Director of the National Park Service, under the

Establishment; maintenance.