

ber of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence and accepts employment, the salary or wages for which are paid from any appropriation contained in this Act, shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: *Provided further*, That the above penalty clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law.

SEC. 302. If at any time during the fiscal year 1945 the termination of the Act entitled "An Act to provide temporary additional compensation for employees in the Postal Service" approved April 9, 1943, or of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of overtime compensation to Government employees, and for other purposes", approved May 7, 1943, shall be fixed by concurrent resolution of the Congress at a date earlier than June 30, 1945, the appropriations contained in this Act shall cease to be available on such earlier date for obligation for the purposes of the terminated Act and the unobligated portions of appropriations allocated for the purposes of such terminated Act shall not be obligated for any other purposes of the appropriation during the fiscal year 1945.

SEC. 303. This Act may be cited as the "Treasury and Post Office Departments Appropriation Act, 1945".

Approved April 22, 1944.

Termination of designated Acts, effect.

57 Stat. 59, 75.  
39 U. S. C., Supp. III, §§ 835, 836; 50 U. S. C., Supp. III, app. §§ 1401-1415.  
*Post*, p. 758.

Short title.

[CHAPTER 177]

AN ACT

To fix the compensation of registers of the district land offices in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, as amended.

April 24, 1944  
[S. 866]

[Public Law 294]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That commencing sixty days after the approval of this Act the positions of registers of the district land offices shall become subject to the Classification Act of 1923 (42 Stat. 1488; 5 U. S. C., sec. 661, and the following), as amended: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall operate to reduce the basic annual compensation of any register below the amount paid to such officer, exclusive of overtime pay, during the fiscal year immediately preceding the enactment of this Act.

Registers of district land offices.  
Compensation.

5 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 661 *et seq.*

SEC. 2. Any moneys heretofore appropriated for the salaries and commissions of registers shall be available for the payment of the compensation of the registers under the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, and there is hereby authorized to be appropriated such additional amounts as may be necessary for that purpose.

Funds available.

Additional amounts authorized.

SEC. 3. No provision of this Act shall relieve any public land applicant or claimant from the necessity of making payment of fees, commissions, or other moneys required by law or regulation. Commencing sixty days after the approval of this Act, the registers shall not receive any compensation based on fees, commissions, or other receipts and all amounts collected by them shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States.

Fees and commissions.

SEC. 4. Sections 2237 and 2240 of the Revised Statutes and the Act of May 21, 1928 (45 Stat. 684; 43 U. S. C., sec. 80), as amended, are hereby repealed, and all other provisions of law inconsistent with this Act are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Repeals.

43 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 80.

SEC. 5. The provisions of this Act shall not extend to the Territory of Alaska.

Alaska.

Approved April 24, 1944.

## [CHAPTER 178]

## AN ACT

April 24, 1944  
[H. R. 3257]  
[Public Law 295]

To amend Subtitle—Insurance of Title II of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, to authorize suspension of the statute of limitations in certain cases, and for other purposes.

Merchant Marine Act, 1936, amendment.  
54 Stat. 691.  
46 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 1128e (a).

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 226 (a) of Subtitle—Insurance of Title II of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, is amended by inserting after the first sentence thereof a new sentence to read as follows: "If in the case of any vessel lost, damaged, or missing under circumstances which render it uncertain whether or not the loss of or damage to any person, vessel, cargo, or other property or interest under a policy of insurance or reinsurance issued or agreed to be issued under this subtitle or under an assumption of risk agreement equivalent thereto, is covered by such policy or agreement, the Commission has entered into or shall hereafter enter into any agreement, specific or general, with the assured under such policy or agreement or with other insurers of the same interest, or both, for payment to the assured on account of said loss or damage by the Commission or by such other insurers, or both, in accordance with the probabilities as to their respective liability, such agreement may include or be modified to include from its inception provisions suspending the operation of the statute of limitations with respect to suits against the United States arising out of the subject matter of such agreement, for a period ending not more than two years after the termination of the present war as determined under section 221 (a) hereof: *Provided*, That no such agreement or modification shall be entered into in any case where the right to sue the United States has expired at the time of making the agreement or modification unless made within sixty days after the enactment of this proviso."

54 Stat. 689,  
46 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 1128 (a).

Settlement, etc., of certain lapsed claims.

SEC. 2. Whenever the Administrator, War Shipping Administration, finds that a meritorious claim arising on or after December 7, 1941, against the United States, or any agent or employee thereof, for loss of or damage to cargo has lapsed by reason of failure to commence suit against the United States or any agent or employee thereof within the time provided by law, and that such failure to institute suit was based on lack of information not resulting from lack of due diligence, or other causes sufficient in the opinion of the Administrator to excuse such failure to institute suit, the Administrator may compromise, or settle any such claim on the same basis as though the time for suit had not expired: *Provided, however*, That nothing in this section shall be deemed to extend the time to commence suit.

Approved April 24, 1944.

## [CHAPTER 189]

## AN ACT

May 5, 1944  
[S. 45]  
[Public Law 296]

To amend section 3 of the Act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 653; 16 U. S. C. 566).

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 3 of the Act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 653; 16 U. S. C. 566), is amended to read as follows:

Forest perpetuation.  
Study of effect of tax laws, etc.

"That the Secretary of Agriculture shall expend such portions of the appropriations authorized herein as he deems advisable to study the effects of tax laws, methods, and practices upon forest perpetuation, to cooperate with appropriate officials of the various States or other suitable agencies in such investigations and in devising tax laws designed to encourage the conservation and growing of timber,