

[CHAPTER 290]

AN ACT

To authorize the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska to grant and convey certain lands to the city of Sitka, Alaska, for street purposes.

June 28, 1944
[H. R. 340]
[Public Law 361]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska is hereby authorized to grant and convey to the city of Sitka, Alaska, for street purposes, such portions of the lands conveyed to the Territory of Alaska by the Act of March 27, 1934 (48 Stat. 502), and not conveyed to the Sitka Cold Storage Company by the Act of August 16, 1937 (50 Stat. 652), as the city of Sitka shall designate are necessary or desirable for street purposes. Any conveyance made under this Act shall be without regard to the reversionary provisions in section 2 of the Act of March 27, 1934 (48 Stat. 502).

Sitka, Alaska.
Conveyance of certain lands.

All oil, coal, or other minerals in the land designated and conveyed to the city of Sitka under this Act, and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same, shall be reserved to the United States under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

Reservation of mineral rights.

SEC. 2. The city of Sitka shall never sell or otherwise dispose of any part of the property conveyed to it pursuant to the provisions of section 1 of this Act; and if the same shall ever be abandoned for the uses herein declared the said premises shall revert to the United States.

Reversionary provisions.

Approved June 28, 1944.

[CHAPTER 291]

AN ACT

Authorizing the appointment of the Chief of Chaplains to the temporary rank of major general, and for other purposes.

June 28, 1944
[H. R. 3604]
[Public Law 362]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, during the present war and for six months thereafter, the President shall be authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the Chief of Chaplains to the temporary rank of major general, and chaplains as temporary general officers not above the grade of major general in such numbers as may be recommended by the Secretary of War. All officers so appointed shall be commissioned in the Army of the United States and shall receive the pay and allowances of the grade to which temporarily appointed: *Provided,* That any appointment made under the provisions of this Act may be vacated at any time by the President, and, if not sooner vacated, shall continue during the present war and six months thereafter.

Chief of Chaplains, Army.
Temporary rank, pay, and allowances.

Chaplains.

Vacating of appointments.

Approved June 28, 1944.

[CHAPTER 292]

AN ACT

To amend section 214 of the Act of February 28, 1925.

June 28, 1944
[H. R. 3870]
[Public Law 363]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, effective July 1, 1943, section 214 of the Act of February 28, 1925 (43 Stat. 1069; 39 U. S. C. 826), is amended to read as follows:

Postal Service.

"The Postmaster General is hereby authorized to continue the work of ascertaining the revenues derived from and the cost of

Ascertainment of certain revenues and costs.

Use of departmental and field appropriations.

carrying and handling the several classes of mail matter and of performing the special services, and to state the results annually and pay the cost thereof out of the departmental and field appropriations of the several bureaus of the Department supervising or conducting the studies."

Approved June 28, 1944.

[CHAPTER 293]

AN ACT

Relating to the use of the penalty mail privilege.

June 28, 1944
[H. R. 4033]
[Public Law 364]

Penalty mail privilege.
Procurement of envelopes, etc.

Annual statement to Postmaster General.

Annual report to Congress and to Bureau of the Budget.

Quarterly reports.

Appropriation estimates to cover handling costs.

Deposit of equivalent in Treasury.

Weight limitation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all envelopes, labels, wrappers, cards, and other articles, bearing the indicia prescribed by law for matter mailed free of postage under the penalty privilege by all executive departments and agencies, all independent establishments of the Government, and all other organizations and persons authorized by law to use the penalty privilege, shall be procured or accounted for through the Postmaster General under such regulations as he shall prescribe. The head of each such department, agency, establishment, or other organization, or each such person, shall submit to the Postmaster General within sixty days after the close of each fiscal year a statement showing the number of envelopes, labels, wrappers, cards, and other articles bearing such indicia on hand at the close of such fiscal year.

SEC. 2. (a) The Postmaster General shall report to the Congress and to the Bureau of the Budget as soon as practicable after the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, and within ninety days after the close of each subsequent fiscal year, the number of envelopes, labels, wrappers, cards, and other articles bearing such penalty indicia used during such fiscal year by each executive department and agency, by each independent establishment, and by each organization and person authorized by law to use the penalty privilege.

(b) The Postmaster General shall, beginning with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1944, report quarterly to the Congress and the Bureau of the Budget the number of envelopes, labels, wrappers, cards, and other articles bearing such penalty indicia procured or accounted for, through him, by each such department, agency, establishment, and other organization and person, together with the estimated number of pieces and weight of matter mailed free of postage under the penalty privilege and the estimated cost of handling such matter as determined by the cost ascertainment procedure of the Post Office Department.

(c) Based on the estimated cost determined in accordance with subsection (b), each such department, agency, and independent establishment, except the Post Office Department, shall include in its annual estimates of appropriations an amount representing the anticipated costs to the Post Office Department of handling the penalty mail of such department, agency, or independent establishment.

(d) Within thirty days following determination and advice by the Postmaster General of the estimated cost of handling the penalty mail, each such department, agency, and independent establishment shall deposit in the general funds of the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts from its appropriations an amount equivalent to such costs.

SEC. 3. On and after August 1, 1944, no article or package of official matter, or number of articles or packages of official matter constituting in fact a single shipment, exceeding four pounds in weight shall be admitted to the mails under the penalty privilege, except (1) stamped paper and supplies sold or used by the postal