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thorized.  
Post, p. 1037.

SEC. 4. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Agriculture such funds as may be necessary to carry out this Act. The authority of the Department of the Army to conduct a remount breeding program is hereby abolished. Funds appropriated pursuant to this Act shall be available for necessary administrative expenses, including personal services in the District of Columbia, printing and binding, and purchase or hire of passenger motor vehicles.

Approved April 21, 1948.

[CHAPTER 225]

AN ACT

April 21, 1948  
[H. R. 4326]  
[Public Law 495]

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States", approved July 1, 1898, and Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

Bankruptcy Act,  
amendment.  
47 Stat. 1471.

Petition by farmer.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 75 (c) (U. S. C., title 11, sec. 203) of the Act of July 1, 1898, entitled "An Act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States", as amended, be and is amended to read as follows:

"(c) At any time prior to March 1, 1949, a petition may be filed by any farmer in the district court of the district in which he resides, stating that such farmer is insolvent or unable to meet his debts as they mature and that it is desirable to effect a composition or an extension of time to pay his debts. The petition or answer of the farmer shall be accompanied by his schedules. If any such petition is filed, an order of adjudication shall not be entered except as provided hereinafter in this section."

Approved April 21, 1948.

[CHAPTER 229]

AN ACT

April 24, 1948  
[S. 2038]  
[Public Law 496]

To enable the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct research on foot-and-mouth disease and other diseases of animals and to amend the Act of May 29, 1884 (23 Stat. 31), as amended, by adding another section.

Foot-and-mouth  
disease.  
7 U. S. C. § 391;  
Supp. I, § 391 note;  
21 U. S. C. §§ 112-115,  
117-120, 130.  
Research laborato-  
ries.

60 Stat. 1085.  
7 U. S. C. § 427i(a).

Live virus.

Technical experts.

42 Stat. 1488.  
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act of May 29, 1884 (23 Stat. 31), as amended, is hereby amended by adding a new section 12 reading as follows:

"SEC. 12. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to establish research laboratories, including the acquisition of necessary land, buildings, or facilities, and also the making of research contracts under the authority contained in section 10 (a) of the Bankhead-Jones Act of 1935, as amended by the Research and Marketing Act of 1946, for research and study, in the United States or elsewhere, of foot-and-mouth disease and other animal diseases which in the opinion of the Secretary constitute a threat to the livestock industry of the United States: *Provided,* That no live virus of foot-and-mouth disease may be introduced for any purpose into any part of the mainland of the United States except coastal islands separated therefrom by waters navigable for deep-water navigation and which shall not be connected with the mainland by any tunnel, and except further, that in the event of outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in this country, the Secretary of Agriculture may, at his discretion, permit said virus to be brought into the United States under adequate safeguards. To carry out the provisions of this section, the Secretary is authorized to employ technical experts or scientists without regard to the Classification Act: