

Appropriation au-  
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:

*Provided*, That the number so employed shall not exceed five and that the maximum compensation for each shall not exceed \$15,000 per annum. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as Congress may deem necessary; in addition, the Secretary is authorized to utilize, in carrying out this section, funds otherwise available for the control or eradication of such diseases.”

Approved April 24, 1948.

Appropriation au-  
thorized.  
*Post*, pp. 515, 1037.

[CHAPTER 230]

AN ACT

To authorize transfer of surplus real property to the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior for consolidation of Federal holdings within areas administered by the National Park Service.

April 24, 1948  
[H. R. 3703]  
[Public Law 497]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That any Federal agency administering real property situated within the boundaries of a national park or national monument and surplus to its needs or any other Federal agency or instrumentality holding such property for disposal only, is authorized, with the approval of the President of the United States, to transfer surplus real property or interest therein to the Department of the Interior without reimbursement or transfer of funds, having an aggregate appraised value not to exceed \$500,000, upon determination by the Secretary of the Interior that it is in the Federal interest to consolidate such Federal holdings within areas administered by the National Park Service.

Transfer of surplus  
real property in na-  
tional parks, etc.

SEC. 2. Any real property or interest therein transferred pursuant to section 1 of this Act shall become a part of the area with which it is consolidated and shall be subject to all the laws and regulations applicable thereto. The authorization conferred by this Act, unless extended by Congress, shall expire July 1, 1952.

Termination.

Approved April 24, 1948.

[CHAPTER 231]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for the commemoration of the sesquicentennial anniversary of the establishment of the Department of the Navy.

April 26, 1948  
[S. J. Res. 207]  
[Public Law 498]

Whereas the Department of the Navy was created by the Act entitled “An Act to establish an Executive Department, to be denominated the Department of the Navy”, approved April 30, 1798 (1 Stat. 553); and

Navy Department.

Whereas by such Act the Secretary of the Navy was charged with the duty “to execute such orders as he shall receive from the President of the United States, relative to the procurement of naval stores and materials and the construction, armament, equipment and employment of vessels of war, as well as all other matters connected with the naval establishment of the United States”: Therefore be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and directed by appropriate order to designate April 30, 1948, as a day to be observed within the Naval Establishment by appropriate ceremonies in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the creation of the Department of the Navy and in honor of the gallant personnel who have rendered service in the Naval Establishment of the United States since the founding of such Department.

One hundred and  
fiftieth anniversary.

Approved April 26, 1948.