

reduction of forest-fire hazards in the various towns or other political subdivisions of the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut under appropriation for New England hurricane damage in the First Deficiency Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1939, and Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, the Secretary of Agriculture be, and he is hereby, authorized to transfer to the respective States so much of the fire protection and improvement tools and equipment, purchased from said appropriation for said work for use in the respective States, as in his judgment may be needed for continuance of said work and forest-fire protection by said States.

Approved, November 25, 1940.

53 Stat. 513.

[CHAPTER 917]

AN ACT

To amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, and for other purposes.

November 25, 1940
[S. 4311]
[Public, No. 879]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subparagraph (E) of paragraph (13) of subsection (b) of section 301 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, is amended so as to provide for the determination of farm normal yields for corn, wheat, and cotton on the basis of the same period of years used in the determination of county normal yields for those commodities, by striking out in the first sentence thereof the words "with respect to which such normal yield is used in any computation authorized under this title" and by substituting in lieu thereof the words "in which such normal yield is determined".

Agricultural Adjust-
ment Act of 1938,
amendment.
52 Stat. 202.
7 U. S. C., Supp. V,
§ 1301 (b) (13) (E).
Farm normal yields
for corn, wheat, and
cotton.

Approved, November 25, 1940

[CHAPTER 919]

AN ACT

Extending the classified executive civil service of the United States.

November 26, 1940
[H. R. 960]
[Public, No. 880]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

TITLE I—EXTENSION OF CIVIL SERVICE ACT

That notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the President is authorized by Executive order to cover into the classified civil service any offices or positions in or under an executive department, independent establishment, or other agency of the Government: *Provided*, That in the case of any federally owned and controlled corporation organized under the laws of any State, Territory, or possession of the United States (including the Philippine Islands), or the District of Columbia, the President is authorized to direct that such action be taken as will permit appointments to offices or positions in any such corporation to be made in accordance with the civil-service laws, consistently with the laws of any such State, Territory, or possession, or the District of Columbia, or with the charter or articles of incorporation of any such corporation: *Provided further*, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to offices or positions in the Tennessee Valley Authority or to any positions in the Work Projects Administration or to any position to which appointments are made by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, or to positions of assistant United States district attorney.

Authority of the
President.

Provisos.
Appointments to
offices or positions in
designated corpora-
tions.

5 U. S. C., ch. 12;
Supp. V, ch. 12.

Exemptions.