

Central Bank for Cooperatives" after the word "Development"; by inserting "either of said banks" in lieu of the words "said bank"; by inserting "at any one time" after the words "no association shall"; by deleting "at any one time" after the word "exceeding"; and by inserting ", with respect to each issuer," after the word "amount"; so that said sentence shall read as follows: "The limitations and restrictions herein contained as to dealing in and underwriting investment securities shall not apply to obligations issued by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development or the Central Bank for Cooperatives which are at the time eligible for purchase by a national bank for its own account: *Provided*, That no association shall at any one time hold obligations issued by either of said banks as a result of underwriting, dealing, or purchasing for its own account (and for this purpose obligations as to which it is under commitment shall be deemed to be held by it) in a total amount, with respect to each issuer, exceeding 10 per centum of its capital stock actually paid in and unimpaired and 10 per centum of its unimpaired surplus fund."

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Public Law 306

CHAPTER 170

AN ACT

April 9, 1952
[S. 2266]

To authorize and validate payments of periodic pay increases for temporary indefinite employees of the Department of the Navy within the period of March 17, 1947, to July 1, 1948.

Navy Department.
Certain pay increases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) all persons who were awarded administrative pay increases as temporary indefinite ungraded employees of the Department of the Navy within the period March 17, 1947, to July 1, 1948, through administrative error, are hereby relieved of all liability to repay to the United States the amounts of such unauthorized pay increases.

Refunds.

(b) The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the persons described in subsection (a) such amounts as have been paid by them, or deducted from their salaries, on account of overpayments of compensation occasioned by such unauthorized pay increases.

Credit in accounts.

(c) All disbursing officers, or other responsible officers, who made or authorized the pay increases to the persons described in subsection (a) are relieved of all liability for any such overpayments and their accounts shall be credited with the amounts erroneously overpaid.

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Public Law 307

CHAPTER 171

AN ACT

April 9, 1952
[S. 2549]

To provide relief for the sheep-raising industry by making special quota immigration visas available to certain alien sheepherders.

Alien sheepherders.
Immigration visas.

39 Stat. 875.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for a period of one year after the effective date of this Act, in any case in which the Attorney General, under the authority of the fourth proviso to section 3 of the Immigration Act of 1917 (U. S. C., title 8, sec. 136), grants permission for the importation of a skilled sheepherder into the United States and the investigation of the application for such importation discloses that—

(1) the employment offered such skilled sheepherder is permanent; and

(2) no immigration quota number of the country of which such alien sheepherder is a national is then available, a special immigration visa may be issued to such alien sheepherder as provided in this Act: *Provided*, That such alien sheepherder is otherwise admissible into the United States for permanent residence.

SEC. 2. The Attorney General shall certify to the Secretary of State the name and address of every skilled sheepherder for which an application for importation under the fourth proviso to section 3 of the Immigration Act of 1917 has been approved. If a quota number is not then available for such alien sheepherder, the proper consular officer may issue a special quota immigration visa to such alien sheepherder. Upon the issuance of such visa the proper quota-control officer shall deduct one number from the appropriate quota for the first year that such quota is available: *Provided*, That not more than 50 per centum of any quota shall be deducted under the provisions of this Act in any given fiscal year.

Certification by
Attorney General.

Quota deduction.

Restrictions.

SEC. 3. (a) There shall not be issued more than five hundred special quota immigration visas under this Act.

(b) Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed as increasing the immigration quota of any country or of altering the requirements for admission of aliens into the United States.

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Public Law 308

CHAPTER 172

AN ACT

April 9, 1952
[S. 2677]

To restore to seventy pounds and one hundred inches in girth and length combined the maximum weight and size limitations for appliances, or parts thereof, for the blind sent through the mails.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in the case of reproducers for sound-reproduction records for the blind, or parts thereof, and of Braille writers and other appliances for the blind, or parts thereof, when mailed under the provisions of the fourth and fifth paragraphs of the Act of October 14, 1941, as amended (Public Law 270, Seventy-seventh Congress; 39 U. S. C., sec. 331), the maximum limit in weight shall be seventy pounds and the maximum limit of size shall be one hundred inches in girth and length combined.

Postal service.
Appliances for
blind.

55 Stat. 737.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect ten days after the date of its enactment.

Effective date.

Approved April 9, 1952.

Public Law 309

CHAPTER 173

JOINT RESOLUTION

April 9, 1952
[S.J. Res. 140]

To permit the Federal National Mortgage Association to make commitments to purchase certain mortgages.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subparagraph (G) of section 301 (a) (1) of the National Housing Act, as amended, is hereby amended by striking out of the proviso: "commitments made by the association on or after the effective date of this proviso and prior to December 31, 1951, which do not exceed \$200,000,000 outstand-

64 Stat. 57; 65
Stat. 315.
12 USC 1716.