

(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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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.

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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.

65 Stat. 699.  
12 USC 1716-1.

63 Stat. 570.  
12 USC 1748-  
1748h.

ing at any one time, if such commitments” and inserting in lieu thereof: “(i) commitments made pursuant to Public Law 243, Eighty-second Congress, or (ii) commitments made by the association on or after September 1, 1951, which do not exceed \$252,000,000 outstanding at any one time, if applications for such commitments were received by the association prior to December 28, 1951, or, in the case of title VIII mortgages, if the Federal Housing Commissioner issued his commitment to insure prior to December 31, 1951, but subsequent to December 27, 1951, and if such commitments of the association”.

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Public Law 310

CHAPTER 174

JOINT RESOLUTION

April 9, 1952  
[S.J. Res. 147]

Designating April 9, 1952, as Bataan Day.

Whereas April 9 of this year marks the tenth anniversary of the end of the epic struggle of American and Filipino forces on Bataan; and Whereas this common sacrifice more solidly forged the traditional friendship of the United States and the Philippines and between the peoples of the two countries; and

Whereas Bataan symbolizes the spirit which moves men of different races and different creeds to fight shoulder to shoulder for their freedom; and

Whereas the rallying of the people of the Philippines to the side of the United States and the other United Nations in the current struggle in Korea is a further expression of American-Filipino unity; and

Whereas the people of the Philippines have demonstrated to all other nations in the Asian sphere the fact that mutual friendship and mutual security are common goals and the role of the United States in Asia is that of a friend of peoples, regardless of race; and

Whereas President Elpidio Quirino has designated April 9 as Bataan Day in the Philippines: Therefore be it

Bataan Day.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That April 9, the tenth anniversary of the fall of Bataan, should be observed as Bataan Day and that the Congress recommends that on that day the flags of the United States and the Republic of the Philippines be flown, and that encouragement be given to the holding of appropriate services in schools and churches and in other gatherings.

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Public Law 311

CHAPTER 175

AN ACT

April 9, 1952  
[H. R. 1216]

To authorize the President to convey and assign all equipment contained in or appertaining to the United States Army Provisional Philippine Scout Hospital at Fort McKinley, Philippines, to the Republic of the Philippines and to assist by grants-in-aid the Republic of the Philippines in providing medical care and treatment for certain Philippine Scouts hospitalized therein.

Philippines.  
Conveyance.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President is authorized, subject to such terms as may be prescribed in an agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of the Philippines, to convey and assign, without cost to the Republic of the