

descriptive both in its language and attachments thereto in order to permit full and free competition. Any bid or invitation to bid which shall not carry the necessary descriptive language and attachments thereto, or if such attachments are not available or accessible to all competent, reliable bidders, such bid or invitation to bid shall be invalid and any award or awards made to any bidder in such case shall be invalidated and rejected."

Effective date.

SEC. 16. This Act shall take effect as of the close of July 31, 1955.
Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 269

CHAPTER 629

August 9, 1955
[S. 1210]

AN ACT

To amend the Public Buildings Act of 1949 to provide a five-year limitation on the period of leases of space for Federal agencies in the District of Columbia.

63 Stat. 199.
40 USC 37a.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 407 of the Public Buildings Act of 1949 is amended by striking out ", not in excess of one year," and by inserting in lieu thereof "not in excess of five years,".

Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 270

CHAPTER 630

August 9, 1955
[S. 1621]

AN ACT

To authorize adjustment by the Secretary of Agriculture of certain obligations of settlers on projects developed or subject to the Act of August 11, 1939, as amended, and for other purposes.

60 Stat. 1065,
1067, 1070.

53 Stat. 1418.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of sections 41 (g), 43, and 51 of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended (7 U. S. C. 1015 (g), 1017, and 1025), are hereby extended to apply on the obligations of settlers on the Angostura project in South Dakota developed under the Act of August 11, 1939, as amended (16 U. S. C. 590y-z).

Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 271

CHAPTER 631

August 9, 1955
[S. 1577]

AN ACT

To amend the Acts granting the consent of Congress to the State of Connecticut, acting by and through any agency or commission thereof, to construct, maintain, and operate toll bridges across the Connecticut River.

Connecticut
River.
Toll bridges.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act approved August 7, 1939 (53 Stat. 1234), entitled "An Act granting the consent of Congress to the State of Connecticut, acting by and through any agency or commission thereof, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Connecticut River at or near Hartford, Connecticut", and section 2 of the Act approved April 24, 1946 (60 Stat. 122), entitled "An Act granting the consent of Congress to the State of Connecticut, acting by and through any agency or commission

thereof, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Connecticut River at or near Old Saybrook, Connecticut", are each amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. The last sentence of section 4 of such Act of March 23, 1906, shall not be applicable to the bridge constructed pursuant to the provisions of this Act."

SEC. 2. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as amending any provision of existing Federal law relating to the expenditure of Federal-aid highway funds.

Approved August 9, 1955.

34 Stat. 85.
33 USC 494.

Public Law 272

CHAPTER 632

AN ACT

To amend the Act known as the "Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946", approved August 14, 1946.

August 9, 1955
[S. 1757]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (h) of section 203 of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U. S. C. 1622 (h)) is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "Whoever knowingly shall falsely make, issue, alter, forge, or counterfeit any official certificate, memorandum, mark, or other identification, or device for making such mark or identification, with respect to inspection, class, grade, quality, size, quantity, or condition, issued or authorized under this section or knowingly cause or procure, or aid, assist in, or be a party to, such false making, issuing, altering, forging, or counterfeiting, or whoever knowingly shall possess, without promptly notifying the Secretary of Agriculture or his representative, utter, publish, or use as true, or cause to be uttered, published, or used as true, any such falsely made, altered, forged, or counterfeited official certificate, memorandum, mark, identification, or device, or whoever knowingly represents that an agricultural product has been officially inspected or graded (by an authorized inspector or grader) under the authority of this section when such commodity has in fact not been so graded or inspected shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both."

Inspection cer-
tifications.
60 Stat. 1088.

SEC. 2. The farm produce inspection clause contained in various appropriation Acts (7 U. S. C. 414) and the second, third, and fourth sentences of section 1 of the Produce Agency Act of March 3, 1927 (7 U. S. C. 492) are hereby repealed.

Repeals.

44 Stat. 1355.

Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 273

CHAPTER 633

AN ACT

To amend the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended, to modify, clarify, and provide additional authority for insurance of loans.

August 9, 1955
[S. 1758]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended (7 U. S. C. 1000 and the following), is further amended as follows:

Title I of the Act is amended by the addition of the following new section 16:

"SEC. 16. (a) The Secretary is authorized to insure and to make commitments for the insurance of loans made for the purposes spec-

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thority.
60 Stat. 1072.