

CHAPTER 175.

[H. B. 563.]

FEDERAL AID TO DIKING, DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to diking, drainage and sewerage improvement districts; authorizing the acceptance of Federal aid in connection with the construction, repair or maintenance of such district systems of improvements or contracts with the United States therefor, and providing for the disposition of Federal aid funds.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Whenever, under the provisions of any Act of the Congress of the United States, the corps of engineers of the United States Army, or any other agency of the United States, shall be authorized to reconstruct, improve, repair or maintain any system of improvements of any diking, drainage or sewerage improvement district under the laws of the State of Washington, the Board of County Commissioners of the county in which such district is situated, on behalf of such district may consent to and permit the United States, or any agency thereof, to perform any work or service upon or with regard to such district's system of improvements which shall by the Board be found to be for the benefit of such district and the property therein, or, if the enlargement, betterment or other improvement of such district's system of improvements, or the performance of extraordinary maintenance work upon or with respect to its existing system of improvements shall have been authorized, the Board may contract, on behalf of said district, upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the United States and the Board for the performance of the work so authorized by said corps of engineers, or other agency of the United

Federal aid to diking, drainage or sewerage districts.

Board of County Commissioners may consent to Federal aid.

Contract for performance of work.

No bond required by district.

States. No bond shall be required by the district for any work performed by or under the supervision of said corps of engineers, or other agency of the United States.

Federal funds paid to district.

SEC. 2. If at any time, whether prior or subsequent to the making of any contract authorized by the preceding section, there shall be made available and paid to a district fund appropriated by the Congress of the United States to pay the costs and expenses of reconstruction, improvement, repair or maintenance of the district's system of improvements or any part thereof, said funds shall be paid into the district's maintenance or construction fund, according as the work is maintenance or new construction, and thereafter used and disbursed upon the order of the Board, provided that if the district shall have theretofore issued extraordinary maintenance warrants or maintenance bonds or construction bonds, said funds shall be used to pay and retire said bonds or warrants to the extent of said funds. When all said warrants or bonds have been paid, the assessment levied to pay said warrants or bonds, or those installments of such assessment not then due and payable, shall be cancelled. If the funds made available and paid to the district by the United States shall be more than sufficient to pay and retire all then outstanding warrants or bonds issued to pay the cost of the particular work, whether maintenance or new construction, then the excess of such Federal aid funds, up to the amount of the total of the assessments to pay for such work theretofore paid, shall be paid by the Treasurer to those who have paid such assessment or assessments in the proportion that the total of all such assessments paid by any one bears to the total of all such assessments theretofore paid, and any balance of such Federal aid funds remaining shall become and be part of the maintenance fund of the district. Any assessment or installment of assess-

Funds shall be paid into maintenance and construction fund.

Funds shall be applied to retiring bonds.

Assessment levies shall be cancelled.

Disposition of excess Federal aid funds.

ment not cancelled under the provisions hereof, or any balance thereof which when collected shall not be required for the payment of interest or principal of any of said warrants or bonds, shall, after all said warrants or bonds have been paid, be paid into and become part of the maintenance fund of the district.

Passed the House March 3, 1949.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1949.

CHAPTER 176.

[H. B. 575.]

WASHINGTON STATE TOURIST CENTER.

AN ACT relating to the development of tourist trade; imposing duties upon the State Parks and Recreation Commission; authorizing the erection, operation and maintenance of a Washington State Tourist Center, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. The State Parks and Recreation Commission may acquire by purchase or condemnation a suitable site on or near Crown Point overlooking the Grand Coulee Dam and the necessary rights-of-way for an access road to the location chosen. The Commission may acquire such site and rights-of-way either by fee simple title or through such an arrangement with the United States government as will guarantee the full and perpetual use of such site and rights-of-way.

Certain lands may be acquired by purchase or condemnation.

SEC. 2. The Commission may cause to be constructed, operated and maintained at the site chosen the "Washington State Tourist Center," consisting of a parking area, vista points, and buildings or structures suitable for housing concessions and facilities for the convenience, comfort and entertainment of

"Washington State Tourist Center" may be constructed.