

WITH OUR GOVERNMENT

SECOND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
FIRST SESSION

B. No. 1022
(COMMONWEALTH ACT No. 542)
PASTURE LAND ACT

Be it enacted by the National Assembly of the Philippines:

SECTION 1. This act shall apply to all lands which are adapted to pasture purposes.

SEC. 2. No person shall occupy or use any parcel of public land for pasture purposes without first securing therefor a lease or permit from the Director of Forestry in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. The Bureau of Forestry shall have jurisdiction and authority over the administration, protection, and management of pasture lands and over the granting of leases or permits for pasture purposes to any citizen of lawful age of the Philippines and any corporation or association of which at least sixty per centum of the capital stock belongs wholly to citizens of the Philippines, and which is organized and constituted under the laws of the Philippines for an area of not more than two thousand hectares in accordance with the provisions of this Act. Such leases shall run for a period of not more than twenty-five years, but may be renewed once for another period not to exceed twenty-five years, in case the lessee shall have made important improvements, which in the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce justify a renewal.

SEC. 4. The Director of Forestry, with the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce, shall promulgate rules and regulations consistent with this Act, as may be necessary and

proper to carry into effect the provisions thereof.

SEC. 5. All parcels of public land applied for grazing purposes shall be investigated by the Bureau of Forestry and if the same are found to be within certified alienable or disposable land suitable for grazing purposes, said Bureau shall request the Bureau of Lands that said parcels of land be reverted to the category of public forest land. Upon such reversion, the Bureau of Forestry shall take proper action on the pasture applications in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 6. Upon the approval of this Act, all subsisting pasture leases granted by the Bureau of Lands shall continue in full force and effect until the date of their expiration: *Provided, however*, That upon being advised by the Bureau of Lands of the expiration or cancellation of any pasture lease, the Bureau of Forestry shall request the said Bureau of Lands that the area be reverted to the category of public forestland and thereafter said land shall be subject to disposition for grazing purposes in accordance with the provisions of this Act. All other pasture lease applications which are still pending action in the Bureau of Forestry for appropriate action.

SEC. 7. The annual rental of the land under lease or permit shall not be less than three *per centum* of the appraised or re-appraised value of the land and one *per centum* of that of the improvement thereon, if any, based on the appraisal and reappraisal made by the Director of Forestry with the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce.

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Home & Women's Corner The Market

1. We wonder why the fare of buses now are 30% higher than last month. This fare hike started during the last week of June when the gasoline stations' ration stopped awhile. Then, it was understandable to pay more as gasoline had to be bought from the black market and hoarders charged as high as ₱15.00 per 5-gallon can. But now that gasoline companies and Malacanan have announced that there is enough gasoline for everybody at controlled prices, why have the private buses maintained the 30c for the former 20c rate and the former 30c rate to 40c or 50c? This is like Japanese days.

The private operators it seems do not understand that they are in the Utility business and unless they charge service at a reasonable fare they are mushroom businessmen who do not see beyond their noses. A little thought on their part guided by good conscience will do them good.

2. Prices in the markets of commodities, fluctuate at a minimum reduction of 30% and a maximum increase of 50%.

	<i>Average</i>
	<i>per ganta</i>
1. Rice:	
Elon-elon 1st class	₱2.38
" 2nd "	2.23
Macan 1st class	2.18
" 2nd "	2.08
2. Sugar:	
	<i>per kg.</i>
Centrifugal (brown) ..	₱1.50
Refined	2.35
3. Meat (beef 1st class) ..	₱5.00
Pork (Pure meat)	3.75
4. Chicken (undressed) ..	<i>each</i>
Hen	₱5.50
Rooster	4.25
5. Eggs:	<i>per doz.</i>
White Leghorn	₱2.50
Native Hen	2.65
Duck	4.20
Balut	7.60
6. Lard:	<i>per kilo</i>
Vegetable	₱2.45
Animal	4.10
7. Coconut:	
Assorted (per 100) ...	₱6.50
Each	0.11
8. Lumber:	<i>per Bd. Ft.</i>
Guije	₱0.90
Tangile	0.55
Red Lauan	0.55
Apitong	0.55
Palosapis	0.55
Almon	0.48
White Lauan	0.48
3. Executive Order No. ..	prohibits

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Should the term of the lease be ten years or more, a reappraisal may be made every five years from the date of the approval of the lease or permit. The Director of Forestry may request the assistance of the provincial treasurer or assessor of the province in which the land lies or may appoint a committee for such purpose in the province or in the municipality in which the land lies.

SEC. 8. Before any lease or permit is issued under the provisions of this Act, the applicant may, as guaranty of good faith in filing the application and for the satisfactory compliance with the terms and conditions of the lease or permit and the payment of rental charges due thereon, be required to deposit with the Director of Forestry a cash bond, a Philippine National Bank Bond, or a bond of the Government of the Philippines, or any political subdivision thereof in an amount to be determined by the Director of Forestry with the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce. In case the bond required exceeds two hundred pesos, a bond duly executed by a reputed surety company may be accepted, but in such case it shall be increased by not less than twenty-five per centum nor more than seventy-five per centum in the discretion of the Director of Forestry. This bond may be confiscated by the Government in case of any violation on the part of the lessee or permittee of any of the terms of the lease or permit.

SEC. 9. The Director of Forestry may, with the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture and Commerce, grant pasture lease agreements by auction or bidding after proper investigation of the areas applied for has been made, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by him. All bids must be sealed and addressed to the Director of Forestry and must have enclosed therewith cash or certified check, Treasury Warrant, or post-office money order payable to the order of the Director of Forestry, for a sum equivalent to the rental for at least, the first three months of the lease. No bid shall be considered in which the proposed annual rental is less than three per centum of the appraised or re-appraised value of the land and one per centum of that of the improvements thereon, if any, in conformity with section seven of this Act.

SEC. 10. Upon the final expiration of the lease or permit all immovable and other permanent improvements made by the lessee, his heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns shall be-

The Market...

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exportation of 41 items to other countries except to continental United States of America. At its first publication in local news, copra and hemp were not included. Two days later, these two items were included barred from exportation to foreign countries except to the U. S.

Business speculated on the idea that perhaps some "Big Man" complained to the President why copra and hemp were not included and immediately the President included these two items.

In some business group, its components argued that perhaps the President's hand are tied because so far the ₱800,000,000 loan for Government use to keep it going, is still pending in Congress. The President, for diplomacy and tact, would not want anything to pass that may jeopardize the granting of that loan to the young Philippine Republic. And he is right at that. But the question arises, if we export, say hemp and copra alone, to foreign markets except the continental U. S., would the government not make more money than ₱800,000,000 to keep the government running, with other markets like Central and South Americas, and China offering us prices at least double what U. S. pays for copra and hemp? It is simple arithmetic.

Or perhaps, the present world situation has a bigger meaning to the Phil-

come the property of the Government.

SEC. 11. Any person or association of persons occupying or using any part of the public domain for grazing purposes without lease or permit in violation of the provisions of this Act or of any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder shall be liable to the payment of twice the regular rental charges now or hereafter provided for by regulations during such time that the area is illegally used or occupied. For failure to pay the rental charges due within thirty days after they had become due and payable, the respondent shall be penalized by an additional charge of fifty per centum of such rental charges.

SEC. 12. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 8, 1939.

Revolution In The...

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His yield will be some 25 bushels per acre more than that of his neighbor—or enough to bring him an additional income of \$900.

Scores of other advantages offered by hybrid corn are less apparent but even more important in the long run. For example the University of Illinois has produced strains containing twice as much protein and three times as much oil as ordinary corn. Other strains especially rich in certain elements have enormously speeded up the mass production of penicillin, of which corn steep liquor—a by product of starch making—is an essential ingredient.

Ten years ago, less than half of one per cent of the corn planted in Illinois was hybrid. This year 98 per cent of Illinois corn will come from hybrid seed; in Iowa, just under 100 per cent.

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The Problem...

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Naturally it was passionate and often unreasonable. Life of cruelty and injustice and intrigue during the Japanese time twisted many a Filipino virtue of hospitality, timidity, tolerance and liberality. Suppressed bad traits came to the fore instead.

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ippine-U. S. relationship-protectionism than the monetary gain the Philippines will make exporting to foreign markets for the quicker rehabilitation of our country? There is something serious really in this question.

True, our copra and hemp bought at much higher prices than what U. S. pays for them may go to places where we don't want them to go and may be used for purposes that might be harmful to the U. S. and the Philippines later on?

But there is news too that the Chinese nationals buy plenty of U. S. goods and sell them to Communists at fabulous profits. But that is only "news"—we have no proofs.

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