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NEW WILD LIFE REFUGE
TO BE ESTABLISHED

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The Upper Mississippi River Wild Life and Fish Refuge bill was passed by Congress and became a law on June 7 on approval by the President. This act authorizes the acquisition and setting aside as a wild life refuge of about 300,000 acres of swamp and low lands along the Mississippi River between Rock Island, Ill., and Wabasha, Minn. The act carries no appropriation, however, for the acquisition of these lands, merely authorizing funds to be appropriated for the purpose. The limit of the appropriation authorized is \$1,500,000 for the acquisition of areas and \$50,000 for administrative purposes, \$25,000 of the latter sum to be expended by the Secretary of Agriculture and \$25,000 by the Secretary of Commerce. The Government, therefore, has no funds at present to proceed in the purchase of land or in the establishment of an administrative force. When the necessary appropriations are made by Congress and the areas have been acquired, the Secretary of Agriculture is to have jurisdiction with respect to wild birds, game animals, fur-bearing animals, trees, wild flowers, and plants, and the Secretary of Commerce jurisdiction over the fish and other aquatic animal life. These officials are authorized to make suitable regulations governing hunting and fishing on the areas acquired.

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