

July 31, 1912.  
[H. R. 24598.]

**CHAP. 265.**—An Act For the relief of Jesus Silva, junior.

[Public, No. 248.]  
Jesus Silva, jr.  
Patent to lands in  
New Mexico issued to.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioner of the General Land Office be, and he is hereby, directed to cause to be issued to Jesus Silva, junior, a patent to the following-described lands: Lots three, four, and five of section twenty-five, township twenty-one south, range one west, New Mexico principal meridian, Las Cruces, New Mexico, land district, being the tract embraced in his homestead entry made October fifth, nineteen hundred and five, upon which cash certificate issued February third, nineteen hundred and nine: *Provided,* That in said patent there shall be expressly reserved to the United States, or its successors, the right to take or use, without compensation to patentee or his grantees, any or all of the said lands needed for or in connection with the construction, maintenance, and operation of the Rio Grande reclamation project.

*Proviso.*  
Reservation for Rio  
Grande reclamation  
project.

Approved, July 31, 1912.

August 1, 1912.  
[S. 4930.]

**CHAP. 268.**—An Act To harmonize the national law of salvage with the provisions of the international convention for the unification of certain rules with respect to assistance and salvage at sea, and for other purposes.

[Public, No. 249.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the right to remuneration for assistance or salvage services shall not be affected by common ownership of the vessels rendering and receiving such assistance or salvage services.

Salvage.  
Remuneration not  
affected by ownership  
of vessel.  
*Post,* p. 1658.

Assistance to be  
rendered by master.

**SEC. 2.** That the master or person in charge of a vessel shall, so far as he can do so without serious danger to his own vessel, crew, or passengers, render assistance to every person who is found at sea in danger of being lost; and if he fails to do so, he shall, upon conviction, be liable to a penalty of not exceeding one thousand dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or both.

Punishment for fail-  
ure.

Salvors of life, to  
share in property  
saved.

**SEC. 3.** That salvors of human life, who have taken part in the services rendered on the occasion of the accident giving rise to salvage, are entitled to a fair share of the remuneration awarded to the salvors of the vessel, her cargo, and accessories.

Time limit for sal-  
vage suits.

**SEC. 4.** That a suit for the recovery of remuneration for rendering assistance or salvage services shall not be maintainable if brought later than two years from the date when such assistance or salvage was rendered, unless the court in which the suit is brought shall be satisfied that during such period there had not been any reasonable opportunity of arresting the assisted or salvaged vessel within the jurisdiction of the court or within the territorial waters of the country in which the libellant resides or has his principal place of business.

Not applicable to  
ships of war, etc.

**SEC. 5.** That nothing in this Act shall be construed as applying to ships of war or to Government ships appropriated exclusively to a public service.

In effect July 1, 1912.

**SEC. 6.** That this Act shall take effect and be in force on and after July first, nineteen hundred and twelve.

Approved, August 1, 1912.

August 1, 1912.  
[H. R. 16033.]

**CHAP. 269.**—An Act To modify and amend the mining laws in their application to the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes.

[Public, No. 250.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That no association placer-mining claim shall hereafter be located in Alaska in excess of forty acres, and on every placer-mining claim hereafter located

Alaska.  
Association placer-  
mining claims lim-  
ited.

in Alaska, and until a patent has been issued therefor, not less than one hundred dollars' worth of labor shall be performed or improvements made during each year, including the year of location, for each and every twenty acres or excess fraction thereof.

Assessment required.

SEC. 2. That no person shall hereafter locate any placer-mining claim in Alaska as attorney for another unless he is duly authorized thereto by a power of attorney in writing, duly acknowledged and recorded in any recorder's office in the judicial division where the location is made. Any person so authorized may locate placer-mining claims for not more than two individuals or one association under such power of attorney, but no such agent or attorney shall be authorized or permitted to locate more than two placer-mining claims for any one principal or association during any calendar month, and no placer-mining claim shall hereafter be located in Alaska except under the limitations of this Act.

Location by attorneys.

Restriction.

SEC. 3. That no person shall hereafter locate, cause or procure to be located, for himself more than two placer-mining claims in any calendar month: *Provided*, That one or both of such locations may be included in an association claim.

Number of locations limited.

Proviso. Ownership.

Area of claims.

SEC. 4. That no placer-mining claim hereafter located in Alaska shall be patented which shall contain a greater area than is fixed by law, nor which is longer than three times its greatest width.

Effect of violations.

SEC. 5. That any placer-mining claim attempted to be located in violation of this Act shall be null and void, and the whole area thereof may be located by any qualified locator as if no such prior attempt had been made.

Approved, August 1, 1912.

CHAP. 270.—An Act Granting a franchise for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a street railway system in the district of South Hilo, county of Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

August 1, 1912.  
[H. R. 18041.]  
[Public, No. 251.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That wherever in this Act the following words and phrases appear or are used they shall be held to have the following meaning, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

South Hilo, Hawaii, Franchise to Leland S. Conness, and others.

(a) "Association" shall mean and include Leland S. Conness, W. H. Johnson, and their associates and assigns, or such corporation as may be organized by them to take over and exercise the rights and privileges conferred by this Act.

Meaning of words.  
"Association."

(b) "Governor" shall mean the governor designated as such in the organic act.

"Governor."

(c) "Superintendent" shall mean the person from time to time acting as the superintendent of public works of the Territory of Hawaii referred to in the organic act, or any lawful successor in power or duty.

"Superintendent."

(d) "Railway" shall mean the rails, tracks, roadway, with its appurtenances, appliances, and connections, and the poles and underground or overhead equipment, which may be placed in, along, or upon the highways, streets, roads, thoroughfares, and places on the island of Hawaii, under the provisions of this Act.

"Railway."

(e) "District" shall mean that portion of the island of Hawaii which is included in the political subdivision known as the South Hilo district, as now defined in Act Eighty-four of the Session Laws of nineteen hundred and nine.

"District."

(f) "Board" shall mean the board of supervisors elected for the county of Hawaii, and acting under the provisions of Act Thirty-nine of the Session Laws of nineteen hundred and five and all amendments thereto, or any lawful successor in power or duty.

"Board."