

August 21, 1916.
[S. 1351.]

[Public, No. 215.]

CHAP. 360.—An Act Providing for the discovery, development, and protection of streams, springs, and water holes in the desert and arid public lands of the United States, for rendering the same more readily accessible, and for the establishment of and maintenance of signboards and monuments locating the same.

Public lands.
Development of
water holes, etc., on
arid lands.

Erection of sign-
boards, etc.

Means of utilizing.

Distribution of in-
formation, etc.

Expenditure author-
ized.

Punishment for ma-
licious injuries, etc.

Regulations, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, in his discretion in so far as the authorization made herein will permit, to discover, develop, protect, and render more accessible for the benefit of the general public, springs, streams, and water holes on arid public lands of the United States; and in connection therewith to erect and maintain suitable and durable monuments and signboards at proper places and intervals along and near the accustomed lines of travel and over the general area of said desert lands, containing information and directions as to the location and nature of said springs, streams, and water holes, to the end that the same may be more readily traced and found by persons in search or need thereof; also to provide convenient and ready means, apparatus, and appliances by which water may be brought to the earth's surface at said water holes for the use of such persons; also to prepare and distribute suitable maps, reports, and general information relating to said springs, streams, and water holes, and their specific location with reference to lines of travel.

SEC. 2. That to carry out the purposes of this Act the expenditure of \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized.

SEC. 3. That whoever shall willfully or maliciously injure, destroy, deface, or remove any of said monuments or signposts, or shall willfully or maliciously fill up, render foul, or in anywise destroy or impair the utility of said springs, streams, or water holes, or shall willfully or maliciously interfere with said monuments, signposts, streams, springs, or water holes, or the purposes for which they are maintained and used, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

SEC. 4. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to perform any and all acts and make such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying the provisions of this Act into full force and effect.

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[S. 5466.]

[Public, No. 216.]

CHAP. 361.—An Act To open abandoned military reservations in the State of Nevada to homestead entry and desert-land entry, and to amend an Act entitled "An Act to open abandoned military reservations in the State of Nevada to homestead entry," approved October first, eighteen hundred and ninety.

Abandoned military
reservations, Nevada.
Agricultural lands
in, opened to entry.

Proviso.
Restricted to desert
lands.
Vol. 19, p. 377.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the agricultural lands embraced within the military reservations in the State of Nevada which have been placed under the control of the Secretary of the Interior for disposition be disposed of under the homestead and desert-land laws, and not otherwise: *Provided,* That this Act is intended to make applicable to the desert-land laws only such lands as were included under the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, providing for the disposition of public lands under the desert-land laws.

Approved, August 21, 1916.

CHAP. 362.—An Act To amend an Act approved May twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and eight, entitled "An Act to amend an Act to authorize the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company, of Maryland, to enter the District of Columbia," approved June eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

August 21, 1916.
[S. 5976.]

[Public, No. 217.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section two of an Act approved May twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and eight, entitled "An Act to amend an Act to authorize the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company, of Maryland, to enter the District of Columbia, approved June eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six," be amended to read as follows:

District of Columbia.
Baltimore and
Washington Transit
Company.
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"SEC. 2. That the said transit company shall be empowered to construct, maintain, equip, and operate a single or double track street railway over said line, with all necessary buildings, switches, machinery, appliances, appurtenances, and other devices necessary to operate the same by electricity, compressed air, storage battery, or other motive power, to be approved by the Public Utilities Commission of said District.

Construction and
motive power.
Vol. 35, p. 473,
amended.

That section four of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Baltimore and Washington Transit Company, of Maryland, to enter the District of Columbia," approved June eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, be, and the same is hereby, repealed: *Provided, however,* That said railway shall be constructed of good material, with rails of approved pattern, and in a neat and substantial manner, subject to the supervision and approval of the Public Utilities Commission of the District of Columbia; the standard gauge to be used, and the surfaces of the tracks to conform to the grades of the streets established by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and where the tracks lie within the streets of the District of Columbia the said transit company shall comply with the laws and regulations relating to the paving and repairing of streets in the District of Columbia.

Former restriction
repealed.
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Proviso.
Construction, etc.,
subject to Public Util-
ities Commission, etc.

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CHAP. 363.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease, for production of oil and gas, ceded lands of the Shoshone or Wind River Indian Reservation in the State of Wyoming.

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[S. 6308.]

[Public, No. 218.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to lease, for the production of oil and gas therefrom, lands within the ceded portion of the Shoshone or Wind River Indian Reservation in the State of Wyoming, under such terms and conditions as shall be by him prescribed; and the proceeds or royalties arising from any such leases shall be first applied to the extinguishment of any indebtedness of the Shoshone Indian Tribe to the United States and thereafter shall be applied to the use and benefit of said tribe in the same manner as though secured from the sale of said lands as provided by the Act of Congress approved March third, nineteen hundred and five, entitled "An Act to ratify and amend an agreement with the Indians residing on the Shoshone or Wind River Indian Reservation in the State of Wyoming, and to make appropriations for carrying the same into effect": *Provided, however,* That nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to abridge or enlarge any asserted or initiated rights or claims under any law of the United States.

Shoshone Indian
Reservation, Wyo.
Oil and gas leases on
ceded lands of, au-
thorized.

Proceeds to Indians.

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Proviso.
Prior rights not
affected.

Royalties.

SEC. 2. That the leases granted under this Act shall be conditioned upon the payment by the lessee of such royalty as may be fixed in the lease, which shall not be less than one-tenth in amount or value of the production and the payment in advance of a rental of not less than