

Amendments.

SEC. 2. The first section of such Act of June 13, 1934, as amended (48 Stat. 949), is amended—

(1) By inserting after the words "chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Pacific County, Washington, and his successors in office" the words "or the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Wahkiakum County, Washington, and his successors in office".

(2) By striking out the words "at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "at a point in Clatsop County, Oregon, suitable to the interests of navigation".

(3) By striking out the words "in trust for Clatsop County, Oregon, Pacific County, Washington, and the city of Astoria, Oregon" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "in trust for Clatsop County, Oregon, Pacific County or Wahkiakum County, Washington, and the city of Astoria, Oregon".

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved May 3, 1943.

[CHAPTER 91]

AN ACT

Providing for the suspension of annual assessment work on mining claims held by location in the United States, including the Territory of Alaska.

May 3, 1943
[H. R. 2370]
[Public Law 47]

Mining claims.
Suspension of annual assessment work.
30 U. S. C. § 28; Supp. II, § 28a.

Duration.

Condition.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provision of section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which requires on each mining claim located, and until a patent has been issued therefor, not less than \$100 worth of labor to be performed or improvements aggregating such amount to be made each year, be, and the same is hereby, suspended as to all mining claims in the United States, including the Territory of Alaska, until the hour of 12 o'clock meridian on the 1st day of July after the cessation of hostilities in the present war as determined by proclamation of the President or concurrent resolution of the Congress: *Provided,* That every claimant of any such mining claim, in order to obtain the benefits of this Act, shall file, or cause to be filed, in the office where the location notice or certificate is recorded, on or before 12 o'clock meridian of July 1 for each year that this Act remains in effect, a notice of his desire to hold said mining claim under this Act.

Approved May 3, 1943.

[CHAPTER 92]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the execution of certain obligations under the treaties of 1903 and 1936 with Panama, and other commitments.

May 3, 1943
[H. J. Res. 14]
[Public Law 48]

Republic of Panama.
Transfer of certain utilities.

Water rates.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and is hereby, authorized to transfer to the Republic of Panama all of the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to water and sewerage systems installed by the United States in the cities of Panama and Colon: *Provided, however,* That pending the establishment of an independent water-supply system, and so long as the Republic of Panama desires to utilize a supply of water from the Canal Zone, it shall pay quarterly to the appropriate Canal Zone authorities the rate of B/0.09 per one thousand

gallons or such other reasonable rate as may be agreed upon by both Governments: *And provided further*, That the turning over to the Government of the Republic of Panama of the physical properties of the water and sewerage systems and the administration thereof, including the collection of the water rates, does not in any way modify the existing arrangement in respect to responsibility for the public health services of the cities of Panama and Colon as specified in the second paragraph of article VII of the Convention between the United States of America and Panama, signed at Washington, November 18, 1903.

SEC. 2. The Panama Railroad Company is hereby authorized to convey to the Republic of Panama, in whole or in part, all of its right, title, and interest in and to so much of the lands of the Panama Railroad Company located in the cities of Panama and Colon as, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, are no longer needed for the operation of the Panama Railroad or for the operation, maintenance, sanitation, or defense of the Panama Canal: *Provided*, That any such instruments of conveyance shall contain a provision under which the Panama Railroad Company and any of its successors in interest agrees to fully protect the Government of the United States against any claims for damages or losses heretofore or hereafter incurred by any lessee of any of the lands covered by such conveyance. The authority conferred by this section shall not be exercised after June 30, 1944.

(a) Any conveyance of any land in pursuance of the authority contained herein shall be deemed to release any and all reversionary rights of the United States in said property.

(b) The provisions of the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution authorizing the disposal of certain lands held by the Panama Railroad Company on Manzanillo Island, Republic of Panama," approved July 10, 1937, so far as they may conflict with the provisions of this joint resolution, are hereby modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, a sum not to exceed \$2,700,000, to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the Republic of Panama an amount equivalent to the principal and interest paid by that government on account of the credit of \$2,500,000 made available to it by the Export-Import Bank for the construction of Panama's share of the Chorrera-Rio Hato Highway, and to pay to the Export-Import Bank an amount sufficient to liquidate the remaining obligation of the Republic of Panama to that bank on account of the aforesaid credit.

Approved May 3, 1943.

[CHAPTER 93]

AN ACT

To provide for the payment of overtime compensation to Government employees, and for other purposes.

Public health services.

33 Stat. 2236.

Conveyance by Panama Railroad Company.

Protection of U. S. against damage claims.

Termination of authority.

Release of reversionary rights.

Modification of conflicting provisions.

50 Stat. 511.

Appropriation authorized.
Post, p. 544.

May 7, 1943
[H. R. 1860]
[Public Law 49]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act shall apply to all civilian officers and employees (including officers and employees whose wages are fixed on a monthly or yearly basis and adjusted from time to time in accordance with prevailing rates by wage boards or similar administrative authority serving the same purpose, except those in or under the Government Printing Office or the Tennessee Valley Authority) in or under the United States Government, including Government-owned or controlled corporations,

War Overtime Pay Act of 1943.
Personnel included.
Post, p. 440.