

counties of Edgefield, South Carolina, and Columbia, Georgia," approved August fifth, nineteen hundred and nine, be, and the same is hereby, extended until August fifth, nineteen hundred and fifteen.  
Approved, March 5, 1912.

CHAP. 53.—An Act Authorizing that commission of ensign be given midshipmen upon graduation from the Naval Academy.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the course at the Naval Academy shall be four years, and midshipmen on graduation shall be commissioned ensigns: *Provided,* That midshipmen now performing two years' service at sea in accordance with existing law shall be commissioned forthwith as ensigns from the date of the passage of this Act: *And provided,* That those midshipmen of the class which was graduated in nineteen hundred and nine, who have completed two years' service afloat, and who are due for promotion, shall be commissioned ensigns to take rank with the other members of their class, according to their standing as determined by their final multiples, respectively, for the six years' course, from the fifth day of June, nineteen hundred and eleven, the date of rank to which they were entitled prior to the passage of this Act: *And provided, further,* That no back pay or allowances shall result by reason of the passage of this Act.

Approved, March 7, 1912.

March 7, 1912.  
[S. 3211.]  
[Public, No. 98.]  
Naval Academy.  
Course reduced,  
R. S. sec. 1520, p. 261,  
amended.  
*Proviso.*  
Commissions to  
midshipmen at sea.  
Issue to graduates  
of class of 1909.

No back pay, etc.

CHAP. 55.—An Act To amend section fifteen hundred and five of the Revised Statutes of the United States providing for the suspension from promotion of officers of the Navy if not professionally qualified.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section fifteen hundred and five of the Revised Statutes be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1505. Any officer of the Navy on the active list below the rank of commander who, upon examination for promotion, is found not professionally qualified, shall be suspended from promotion for a period of six months from the date of approval of said examination, and shall suffer a loss of numbers equal to the average six months' rate of promotion to the grade for which said officer is undergoing examination during the five fiscal years next preceding the date of approval of said examination, and upon the termination of said suspension from promotion he shall be reexamined, and in case of his failure upon such reexamination he shall be dropped from the service with not more than one year's pay: *Provided,* That the provisions of this Act shall be effective from and after January first, nineteen hundred and eleven."

Approved, March 11, 1912.

March 11, 1912.  
[S. 2004.]  
[Public, No. 99.]  
Navy.  
R. S. sec., 1505, p. 259,  
amended.

Officers  
Suspended from pro-  
motion for six months  
if failing on examina-  
tion.

Reexamination, etc.

*Proviso.*  
In effect from Janu-  
ary 1, 1911.

CHAP. 56.—An Act To authorize the change of the name of the steamer William A. Hawgood.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioner of Navigation is hereby authorized and directed, upon application of the owner, the Calumet Transportation Company, of Mentor, Ohio, to change the name of the steamer William A. Hawgood, official number two hundred and four thousand seven hundred and one, to that of R. L. Agassiz.

Approved, March 11, 1912.

March 11, 1912.  
[S. 4521.]  
[Public, No. 100.]  
"R. L. Agassiz,"  
steamer.  
Name of "William  
A. Hawgood" changed  
to.

March 11, 1912.  
[H. R. 13670.]  
[Public, No. 101.]

**CHAP. 57.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act granting to certain employees of the United States the right to receive from it compensation for injuries sustained in the course of their employment," approved May thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eight.

Injuries to Govern-  
ment employees.  
Provisions extended  
to Bureau of Mines  
and Forest Service.  
Vol. 35, p. 566.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provisions of the Act approved May thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eight, entitled "An Act granting to certain employees of the United States the right to receive from it compensation for injuries sustained in the course of their employment," shall, in addition to the classes of persons therein designated, be held to apply to any artisan, laborer, or other employee engaged in any hazardous work under the Bureau of Mines or the Forestry Service of the United States: *Provided,* That this Act shall not be held to embrace any case arising prior to its passage.

*Proviso.*  
No prior effect.

Approved, March 11, 1912.

March 12, 1912.  
[S. 4728.]  
[Public, No. 102.]

**CHAP. 58.**—An Act To authorize the change of name of the steamer Salt Lake City.

"Salt Lake City,"  
steamer.  
Change of name au-  
thorized.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioner of Navigation is hereby authorized and directed, upon application of the owner, the Continental Steamship Company, of Duluth, Minnesota, to change the name of the steamer Salt Lake City, official number two hundred and four thousand five hundred and twenty-six.

Approved, March 12, 1912.

March 12, 1912.  
[S. 4151.]  
[Public, No. 103.]

**CHAP. 59.**—An Act To authorize the Minnesota and International Railway Company to construct a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Bemidji, in the State of Minnesota.

Mississippi River.  
Minnesota and In-  
ternational Railway  
Company may bridge.  
Bemidji, Minn.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Minnesota and International Railway Company, a corporation organized under the laws of Minnesota, its successors and assigns, are hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation in the northwest quarter of section sixteen, township one hundred and forty-six, range thirty-three west, at or near Bemidji, in Beltrami County, State of Minnesota, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

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Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 12, 1912.

March 16, 1912.  
[S. 339.]  
[Public, No. 104.]

**CHAP. 60.**—An Act Providing for the reappraisal and sale of certain lands in the town site of Port Angeles, Washington, and for other purposes.

Port Angeles, Wash.  
Reappraisal and  
sale of certain town-  
site lands.

*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 directed to cause the reappraisal at their actual cash value of blocks numbered thirty-two and fifty-three, and the west four hundred and fifty feet of sub-urban lot numbered twenty-six in the Government town site of Port Angeles, or any subdivisions thereof, in the State of Washington, and all of said lands, not required for the use of the Government, so reappraised to be subject to sale at not less than the reappraised price, under