

Meaning of terms. "United States."	SEC. 3. That the term "United States" as used in this Act includes the Canal Zone and all territory and waters, continental or insular, subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.
"Person."	The word "person" as used herein shall be deemed to mean any individual, partnership, association, company, or other unincorporated body of individuals, or corporation, or body politic.
Appropriation.	SEC. 4. That in order to carry out the purposes and provisions of this Act the sum of \$600,000 is hereby appropriated.
Effective on termination of previous Act. Vol. 40, p. 559. Post, p. 385.	SEC. 5. That this Act shall take effect upon the date when the provisions of the Act of Congress approved the 22d day of May, 1918, entitled "An Act to prevent in time of war departure from and entry into the United States, contrary to the public safety," shall cease to be operative, and shall continue in force and effect until and including the 4th day of March, 1921.
Duration.	

Received by the President, October 29, 1919.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

November 12, 1919.
[H. R. 9697.]
[Public, No. 80.]

CHAP. 105.—An Act To extend the time for the construction of a bridge across Pearl River, between Pearl River County, Mississippi, and Washington Parish, Louisiana.

Pearl River.
Time extended for bridging, by Pearl River County, Miss., and Washington Parish, La.
Vol. 39, p. 948.
Vol. 40, p. 1041, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge, authorized by Act of Congress approved February 27, 1917, to be built across the Pearl River, at or near the fourth ward of the parish of Washington, State of Louisiana, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of approval hereof.

Amendment.

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

Presented to the President, October 31, 1919.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the House of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

November 13, 1919.
[H. J. Res. 241.]
[Pub. Res., No. 20.]

CHAP. 106.—Joint Resolution To suspend the requirements of annual assessment work on mining claims during the year 1919.

Public lands.
Mining claims assessments suspended for 1919.
R. S., sec. 2324, p. 426.
A. U. C., p. 279.

Be it resolved 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 Alaska, during the calendar year 1919: *Provided,* That every claimant of any such mining claim in order to obtain the benefits of this resolution shall file or cause to be filed in the office where the location notice or certificate is recorded on or before December 31, 1919, a notice of his desire to hold said mining claim under this resolution.

Proviso.
Notice of retention of claim to be filed.

Approved, November 13, 1919.

CHAP. 108.—An Act Authorizing the Meridian Highway Bridge Company, a corporation, to construct and maintain a bridge or bridges and approaches thereto across the Missouri River between Yankton County, South Dakota, and Cedar County, Nebraska.

November 18, 1919.
[S. 2883.]

[Public, No. 81.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Meridian Highway Bridge Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of South Dakota, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge or bridges and approaches thereto across the Missouri River at a point or points suitable to the interest of navigation, in section eighteen, township ninety-three, range fifty-five west, or section thirteen, township ninety-three, range fifty-six west, Yankton County, South Dakota, to the shore opposite thereto at a point in sections eleven or twelve, township thirty-three north, range one west, Cedar County, Nebraska, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Missouri River.
Meridian Highway
Bridge Company may
bridge, Yankton
County, S. Dak. and
Cedar County, Nebr.

Location.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Amendment.

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

Received by the President, November 6, 1919.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

CHAP. 109.—An Act Authorizing the sale of inherited and unpartitioned allotments for town-site purposes in the Quapaw Agency, Oklahoma.

November 18, 1919.
[H. R. 7751.]

[Public, No. 82.]

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, in his discretion, upon the application heretofore or hereafter made, of a majority in interest of the owners of any inherited and unpartitioned allotment in the Quapaw Agency, Oklahoma, to sell the surface of said allotted lands, in whole or in part, for town-site purposes, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, concerning terms of sale and disposal of the proceeds for the benefit of the respective Indians: *Provided,* That any duly authorized representative of the Interior Department may execute any deed or other instrument necessary to the completion of such sale in the name and on behalf of any of the owners of said land if such owner or his legal representative shall fail or refuse to execute such deed or other instrument for a period of thirty days after being given notice in such manner as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe that such deed or other instrument is ready for execution.

Quapaw Indian
Agency, Okla.
Sale of surface of
allotments for town-
sites authorized.

Proviso.
Execution of deeds.

Legal rights, etc.,
protected.

In conducting such sale the Secretary of the Interior may, in his discretion, prescribe such conditions and requirements as may be necessary for the protection of any person or persons he may find to have legal or equitable interests in any of said lands or the improvements thereon, making due allowance, in his discretion, for the value of such improvements, but no preference right to purchase any lot or tract shall be accorded any person for a period exceeding ninety days.

There is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,000, to cover the expense of conducting such sale, such sum to be reimbursed to the Treasury

Appropriation for
expenses.

Repayment from
proceeds.