

## Rates of increase.

Those whose salaries are over \$5,000 and not over \$7,999, 5 per centum of their regular peacetime salaries; those whose salaries are over \$4,000 and not over \$5,000, 10 per centum of their regular peacetime salaries; those whose salaries are over \$2,000 and not over \$4,000, 15 per centum of their peacetime salaries; those whose salaries are \$2,000, or under, 20 per centum of their peacetime salaries: *Provided further*, That no postmaster whose peacetime compensation is \$8,000, or over, shall receive any additional compensation for such overtime work.

## Duration of amendment.

SEC. 2. The amendment made by section 1 of this Act shall remain in force only until June 30, 1945, or until such earlier time as the Congress by concurrent resolution may designate, and after such amendment ceases to be in force the provision of law amended thereby shall be in full force and effect as though this Act had not been enacted.

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## [CHAPTER 243]

## AN ACT

June 13, 1944  
[S. 1081]

[Public Law 336]

Upper Mississippi  
River Wild Life and  
Fish Refuge.  
Addition of lands.

16 U. S. C. §§ 721-  
731.

## Transfer of funds.

25 U. S. C. § 156.

25 U. S. C. §§ 461-  
479.

To add certain lands to the Upper Mississippi River Wild Life and Fish Refuge.

*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 to acquire, for and as part of the Upper Mississippi River Wild Life and Fish Refuge, established pursuant to the authority contained in the Act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 650), as amended, those tracts of land situated in Wabasha County, Minnesota, described as lots 6 and 10, section 19, township 110 north, range 9 west, fifth principal meridian, containing approximately one hundred and ten and twenty-four one-hundredths acres, which tracts of land were acquired pursuant to authority contained in the Acts of June 29, 1888 (25 Stat. 228), and March 2, 1889 (25 Stat. 992), for Indian use, but are no longer used by Indians.

SEC. 2. In order to carry out the provisions of section 1 hereof, the sum of \$1,261.20 from funds heretofore made available to the Fish and Wildlife Service for the purchase of lands for the Upper Mississippi River Wild Life and Fish Refuge is hereby made available for transfer on the books of the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Medawakanton and Wahpakoota Bands of Sioux Indians, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of May 17, 1926 (44 Stat. 560), and said sum, when so transferred, shall operate as a full, complete, and perfect extinguishment of all their right, title, and interest in and to the lands above described, and shall be subject to disbursement under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior for the benefit of the Medawakanton and Wahpakoota Bands of Sioux Indians. Where groups of such Indians are organized as tribes under the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), the Secretary of the Interior may set apart and disburse for their benefit and upon their request a proportionate part of said sum, based on the number of such Indians so organized.

Approved June 13, 1944.

## [CHAPTER 244]

## AN ACT

To amend the fourth and fifth provisos of section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to promote the mining of coal, phosphate, oil, oil shale, gas, and sodium on the public domain", approved February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437, 438; 30 U. S. C., secs. 201, 202).

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the fourth and fifth provisos of section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to promote the mining of coal, phosphate, oil, oil shale, gas, and sodium on the public domain", approved February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437, 438; 30 U. S. C., secs. 201, 202), are hereby amended to read as follows: "*And provided further,* That no company or corporation operating a common-carrier railroad shall be given or hold a permit or lease under the provisions of this Act for any coal deposits except for its own use for railroad purposes; and such limitations of use shall be expressed in all permits and leases issued to such companies or corporations; and no such company or corporation shall receive or hold under permit or lease more than ten thousand two hundred and forty acres in the aggregate nor more than one permit or lease for each two hundred miles of its railroad lines served or to be served from such coal deposits exclusive of spurs or switches and exclusive of branch lines built to connect the leased coal with the railroad, and also exclusive of parts of the railroad operated mainly by power produced otherwise than by steam: *And provided further,* That nothing in this section shall preclude such a railroad of less than two hundred miles in length from securing one permit or lease thereunder but no railroad shall hold a permit or lease for lands in any State in which it does not operate main or branch lines."

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[S. 1335]  
[Public Law 336]

Mineral lands, leases  
and permits.

Common-carrier  
railroads.

Acreage limitation.

Short-line railroads.

## [CHAPTER 245]

## AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the Minnesota Department of Highways and the county of Crow Wing in Minnesota to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Mississippi River at Mill Street in Brainerd, Minnesota.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Minnesota Department of Highways and the county of Crow Wing in Minnesota to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Mill Street in the city of Brainerd, Minnesota, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

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

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[Public Law 337]

Mississippi River.  
Bridge at Brainerd,  
Minn.

34 Stat. 84.  
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-  
498.