

[CHAPTER 391]

AN ACT

To provide for the conveyance of certain land to the State of Oklahoma for the use and benefit of the Northeastern State College at Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

June 3, 1948
[H. R. 4512]
[Public Law 588]

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 authorized and directed to grant and convey, for and in consideration of \$1, to the State of Oklahoma for the use and benefit of the Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to certain land in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows:

Northeastern State
College, Tahlequah,
Okla.
Conveyance.

The south two and one-half acres of the north fifteen and forty-five one hundredths acres of Seminary Park, less twenty-five feet on the east side and twenty-five feet on the north side of such fifteen and forty-five one hundredths acres, reserved for road purposes according to the official plat of the city of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, approved by the Secretary of the Interior on March 4, 1904.

Approved June 3, 1948.

[CHAPTER 392]

AN ACT

To eliminate the requirement of oaths in certain land matters, and for other purposes.

June 3, 1948
[H. R. 4513]
[Public Law 589]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That written statement in public land matters within the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior, heretofore required by law to be made under oath, need no longer be made under oath unless the Secretary of the Interior shall, in his discretion, so require.

Oaths in public land
matters.

SEC. 2. Unsworn written statements made in public land matters within the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior shall remain subject to section 35 (A) of the Criminal Code (35 Stat. 1095, 18 U. S. C. sec. 80), as amended.

Unsworn written
statements.

Post, p. 863.

SEC. 3. That part of section 558 of the Act of March 3, 1901, entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia" (31 Stat. 1279), as amended December 15, 1944 (58 Stat. 810, D. C. Code, 1940 edition, Supp. IV, sec. 1-501), which reads as follows: "*And provided further,* That no notary public shall be authorized to take acknowledgments, administer oaths, certify papers, or perform any official acts in connection with matters in which he is employed as counsel, attorney or agent or in which he may be in any way interested before any of the Departments aforesaid" shall not apply to matters before the Department of the Interior.

D. C. Code, Supp.
VI, § 1-501.
Exception.

Approved June 3, 1948.

[CHAPTER 393]

AN ACT

To provide for the addition of certain surplus Government lands to the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area project, and for other purposes.

June 3, 1948
[H. R. 4551]
[Public Law 590]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the tract of surplus Federal property, comprising eight and one-tenth acres of land situated in Dare County, North Carolina, approximately two miles north of Kitty Hawk, and designated as "Surplus Real Property No. WH-NC-29, Kitty Hawk, North Carolina," which is now

Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area project.

subject to disposition by the War Assets Administration, is hereby transferred, without exchange of funds, to the administrative jurisdiction of the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior to be administered as a part of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area project, authorized by the Act of August 17, 1937, as amended (50 Stat. 669; 16 U. S. C., secs. 459-459a-3), and shall be subject to all laws applicable thereto.

Approved June 3, 1948.

[CHAPTER 394]

AN ACT

June 3, 1948
[H. R. 4804]
[Public Law 591]

To allow service credit for certain enlisted men of the Coast Guard who acted as policemen and guards at the Ivigtut Cryolite Mine, Greenland, during 1940 and 1941.

Coast Guard,
Guards, etc., at
Ivigtut Cryolite
Mine, Greenland.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That those enlisted men of the Coast Guard who, during 1940 and 1941, were discharged from the Coast Guard to accept employment as policemen and guards at the Ivigtut Cryolite Mine, Greenland, and who reenlisted in the Coast Guard within three months after the termination of their service as such policemen and guards, shall be credited with the time between discharge and reenlistment for purposes of longevity pay and retirement, but no increased retroactive pay shall accrue by reason of the enactment of this Act.

Approved June 3, 1948.

[CHAPTER 395]

AN ACT

June 3, 1948
[H. R. 4817]
[Public Law 592]

To amend the Act of July 23, 1947 (61 Stat. 409) (Public Law Numbered 219 of the Eightieth Congress).

Coast Guard,
Appointment of officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 16 of the Act of July 23, 1947 (61 Stat. 409), is hereby amended to read as follows:

34 U. S. C. §§ 350-
350j; Supp. I, §§ 350-
350j.

“SEC. 16. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed; but the Act of July 24, 1941, as amended (55 Stat. 603), shall continue to have application to the Coast Guard until such time as the Secretary of the Treasury shall determine that the number of officers holding permanent appointments on the active list of the Coast Guard is equal to 95 per centum of the number of such officers authorized by law, exclusive of extra numbers, or on January 1, 1957, whichever shall occur earlier.”

Approved June 3, 1948.

[CHAPTER 396]

AN ACT

June 3, 1948
[H. R. 5122]
[Public Law 593]

To amend section 9 of the Act of August 24, 1912 (37 Stat. 512).

Alaska.
48 U. S. C. §§ 77-79.
Taxation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first proviso of section 9 of the Act of August 24, 1912 (37 Stat. 512, 515), be amended to read as follows: “*Provided,* That all authorized indebtedness shall be paid in the order of its creation; all taxes shall be uniform upon the same class of subjects and shall be levied and collected under general laws, and the assessments shall be according to the true and