

required under the provisions of section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States to be made during each year, may be deferred by the Secretary of the Interior as to any mining claim or group of claims in the United States upon the submission by the claimant of evidence satisfactory to the Secretary that such mining claim or group of claims is surrounded by lands over which a right-of-way for the performance of such assessment work has been denied or is in litigation or is in the process of acquisition under State law or that other legal impediments exist which affect the right of the claimant to enter upon the surface of such claim or group of claims or to gain access to the boundaries thereof.

30 U. S. C. § 28.

SEC. 2. The period for which said deferment may be granted shall end when the conditions justifying deferment have been removed: *Provided*, That the initial period shall not exceed one year but may be renewed for a further period of one year if justifiable conditions exist: *Provided further*, That the relief available under this Act is in addition to any relief available under any other Act of Congress with respect to mining claims.

Termination.

SEC. 3. All deferred assessment work shall be performed not later than the end of the assessment year next subsequent to the removal or cessation of the causes for deferment or the expiration of any deferments granted under this Act and shall be in addition to the annual assessment work required by law in such year.

Performance of deferred work.

SEC. 4. Claimant shall file or record or cause to be filed or recorded in the office where the notice or certificate of location of such claim or group of claims is filed or recorded, a notice to the public of claimant's petition to the Secretary of the Interior for deferment under this Act, and of the order or decision disposing of such petition.

Filing of notice.

SEC. 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of any Act of Congress to the contrary, any person who hereafter prospects for, mines, or removes by strip or open pit mining methods, any minerals from any land included in a stock raising or other homestead entry or patent, and who had been liable under such an existing Act only for damages caused thereby to the crops or improvements of the entryman or patentee, shall also be liable for any damage that may be caused to the value of the land for grazing by such prospecting for, mining, or removal of minerals. Nothing in this section shall be considered to impair any vested right in existence on the effective date of this section.

Liability for damages.

Approved June 21, 1949.

[CHAPTER 233]

AN ACT

To amend section 16-416 of the Code of Laws of the District of Columbia, to conform to the nomenclature and practice prescribed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

June 21, 1949
[S. 1129]
[Public Law 116]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Acts of March 3, 1901 (31 Stat. 1345, ch. 854, sec. 963), and of June 30, 1902 (32 Stat. 537, ch. 1329), otherwise known as section 16-416 of the Code of Laws of the District of Columbia, 1940 edition, are amended to read as follows:

D. C. Code, amendment.

“All applications for divorce or for a decree annulling a marriage shall be made by complaint to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and the proceedings thereupon shall be the same as in equity causes, except so far as otherwise herein provided.”

Application for divorce or marriage annulment.

Approved June 21, 1949.

[CHAPTER 234]

AN ACT

June 21, 1949
[H. R. 1337]
[Public Law 117]

To authorize the sale of certain public lands in Alaska to the Alaska Council of Boy Scouts of America for recreation and other public purposes.

Alaska Council of
Boy Scouts of Amer-
ica.
Conveyance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Alaska Council of Boy Scouts of America is hereby authorized for a period of one year from and after the effective date of this Act to apply for the purchase of, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to convey to the organization for recreation and other public purposes the following-described public lands situated in Alaska:

The east half of the northwest quarter and the northeast quarter of unsurveyed section 2, township 15 north, range 1 west, Seward meridian, embracing two hundred and forty acres.

Payment for land.

SEC. 2. That the conveyance shall be made upon the payment by the said council for the land at its reasonable appraised price of not less than \$1.25 per acre, to be fixed by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided*, That the conveyance hereby authorized shall not include any land covered by a valid existing right initiated under the public-land laws or found by the Secretary of the Interior to be needed for public purposes: *Provided further*, That the coal and other mineral deposits in the land shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same under applicable laws and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Rights reserved to
U. S.

Reversion of title to
U. S.

SEC. 3. That such conveyance shall contain the further provision that if the Alaska Council of Boy Scouts of America shall at any time cease to use the property so conveyed for recreation and other public purposes title thereto shall revert to the United States.

Approved June 21, 1949.

[CHAPTER 235]

AN ACT

June 22, 1949
[H. R. 5060]
[Public Law 118]

Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, and for other purposes.

Legislative Branch
Appropriation Act,
1950.
Post, pp. 738, 869, 973.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, namely:

SENATE

SALARIES AND EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF SENATORS, MILEAGE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND OF SENATORS, AND EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

For compensation of Senators, \$1,200,000.

For mileage of the President of the Senate and of Senators, \$51,000.

For expense allowance of the Vice President, \$10,000.

For expense allowance of Senators, \$240,000.

SALARIES, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

For compensation of officers, employees, clerks to Senators, and others, as authorized by law, including increased and additional compensation provided by the "Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945", as

59 Stat. 295.
5 U. S. C. § 901 *et*
seq., Supp. II, § 902
et seq.
Post, pp. 265, 973, 974.