

[CHAPTER 52.]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue patents for lands held under color of title.

February 23, 1932.
[S. 1588.]
[Public, No. 39.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior that a tract or tracts of public land, contiguous to a Spanish or Mexican land grant, in the State of New Mexico, not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred and sixty acres, has or have been held in good faith and in peaceful, adverse possession by a citizen of the United States, his ancestors or grantors, for more than twenty years under claim or color of title, and that valuable improvements have been placed on such land, or some part thereof has been reduced to cultivation, the Secretary may, in his discretion, upon the payment of \$1.25 per acre, cause a patent or patents to issue for such land to any such citizen: *Provided*, That where the area or areas so held by any such citizen is in excess of one hundred and sixty acres the Secretary may determine what particular subdivisions, not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres in the aggregate, to any such citizen may be patented hereunder: *Provided further*, That coal and all other minerals contained therein are hereby reserved to the United States; that said coal and other minerals shall be subject to sale or disposal by the United States under applicable leasing and mineral land laws, and permittees, lessees, or grantees of the United States shall have the right to enter upon said lands for the purpose of prospecting for and mining such deposits: *Provided further*, That the term "citizen," as used herein, shall be held to include a corporation organized under the laws of the United States or any State or Territory thereof.

New Mexico.
Patent may issue for certain public land in, held under color of title.

Fee.

Provisos.
Patent if holding in excess of limitation.

Reservation of mineral rights.

Citizen construed.

Approved, February 23, 1932.

[CHAPTER 53.]

AN ACT

Authorizing the William Robert Smith Memorial Association of El Paso, Texas, to construct a memorial in honor of William Robert Smith, former Member of Congress from the sixteenth district of Texas.

February 23, 1932.
[S. 2286.]
[Public, No. 40.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the William Robert Smith Memorial Association of El Paso, Texas, be, and it is hereby, authorized to construct without cost to the United States a memorial tablet at or near the site of Elephant Butte Dam, New Mexico, in honor of the work of William Robert Smith, former Member of Congress from the sixteenth district of Texas, in behalf of the Elephant Butte project and of irrigation in the Southwest.

William Robert Smith Memorial Association, El Paso, Tex.
Erection of tablet at Elephant Butte Dam, N. Mex., by, authorized.

Approved, February 23, 1932.

[CHAPTER 54.]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the Catawissa Railroad Company to reconstruct, maintain, and operate a railroad bridge across the Susquehanna River at or near Catawissa, Pennsylvania.

February 23, 1932.
[H. R. 81.]
[Public, No. 41.]

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 Catawissa Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, to reconstruct, maintain, and operate a railroad bridge and approaches thereto across the Susquehanna

Susquehanna River.
Catawissa Railroad Company may bridge, at Rupert Station, Pa.

River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or about two thousand one hundred and fifty feet south of Rupert Station, in the township of Montour, county of Columbia, State of Pennsylvania, to a point at or about six thousand and seventy feet north of Catawissa Station in the township of Catawissa, county of Columbia, State of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Construction.
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Right to sell, assign,
etc., granted.

SEC. 2. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to the Catawissa Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, and any corporation to which, or any person to whom, such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or which shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation or person.

Amendment.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 23, 1932.

[CHAPTER 55.]

AN ACT

February 23, 1932.
[H. R. 7247.]
[Public, No. 42.]

Authorizing the Rhode Island State Board of Public Roads and the State Highway Department of the State of Connecticut to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Pawcatuck River near the location of the present Broad Street Bridge between Westerly, Rhode Island, and Stonington, Connecticut.

Pawcatuck River.
Rhode Island and
Connecticut may
bridge between West-
erly and Stonington.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate interstate commerce, improve the Postal Service, and provide for military and other purposes, the Rhode Island State Board of Public Roads and the State Highway Department of the State of Connecticut be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Pawcatuck River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near the location of the present Broad Street Bridge between Westerly, Rhode Island, and Stonington, Connecticut, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Construction.
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Right to acquire
realty, etc., for ap-
proaches, etc.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the Rhode Island State Board of Public Roads and the State Highway Department of the State of Connecticut all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which such real estate or other property is situated, upon making just compensation therefor, to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property for public purposes in such State.

Amendment.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 23, 1932.