

## [CHAPTER 429]

## AN ACT

To amend section 224 of the Criminal Code so as to penalize the making of false claims for the loss of insured mail matter.

August 5, 1939  
[S. 185]  
[Public, No. 265]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 224 of the Criminal Code (35 Stat. 1133; U. S. C., title 18, sec. 354) be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Criminal Code,  
amendment.  
35 Stat. 1133.  
18 U. S. C. § 354.

“Sec. 224. Whoever shall make, allege, or present, or cause to be made, alleged, or presented, or assist, aid, or abet in making, alleging, or presenting, any claim or application for indemnity for the loss of any registered or insured letter, parcel, package, or other article or matter, or the contents thereof, knowing such claim or application to be false, fictitious, or fraudulent; or whoever for the purpose of obtaining or aiding to obtain the payment or approval of any such claim or application, shall make or use, or cause to be made or used, any false statement, certificate, affidavit, or deposition; or whoever shall knowingly and willfully misrepresent, or misstate, or, for the purpose aforesaid, shall knowingly and willfully conceal any material fact or circumstance in respect of any such claim or application for indemnity, shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both, except in cases where the amount of such claim or application for indemnity is less than \$100 there may be imposed a fine only.”

False claims for loss  
of registered or insured  
mail matter.

Penalty.

Approved, August 5, 1939.

## [CHAPTER 430]

## AN ACT

To authorize the temporary appointment of a special judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands.

August 5, 1939  
[S. 190]  
[Public, No. 266]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 26 of the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of the United States (Act of June 22, 1936, 49 Stat. 1813; U. S. C., title 48, sec. 1405y) be, and the same is hereby, amended by inserting therein immediately following the first sentence thereof the following sentence: “In case of the absence, disability, or disqualification of such judge, the President is authorized to appoint a special judge to discharge the duties of such judge only until the termination of such absence, disability, or disqualification; and the special judge so appointed shall be authorized and empowered to perform the duties of such office during such periods and shall receive compensation at the same rate, for the period of time actually served, and the same allowances for expenses and transportation, as are paid and allowed the judge of said court.”

Virgin Islands.  
49 Stat. 1813.  
48 U. S. C., Supp.  
IV, § 1405y.

Temporary appointment  
of special judge,  
District Court, au-  
thorized.

Powers, duties, etc.

Approved, August 5, 1939.

## [CHAPTER 431]

## AN ACT

To provide for the public auction of certain town lots within the city of Parker, Arizona.

August 5, 1939  
[S. 432]  
[Public, No. 267]

*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 sell at public auction or after publicly advertising for bids, to the highest and best bidder, any unsold lots in the townsite of Parker, Arizona: *Provided*, That the said Secretary may, in his discretion, reject any or all bids so received: *And provided further*, That no sale shall be made pur-

Parker, Ariz.  
Public auction of  
certain town lots au-  
thorized.

Provisions.  
Rejection of bids.  
Tribal consent.

suant to the provisions of this Act without first obtaining the written consent of the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes of the Colorado River Reservation.

Lease of vacant unsold lots.

SEC. 2. That any vacant unsold lots within the townsite of Parker, Arizona, may be leased by the Tribal Council of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe, for a term of not exceeding twenty-five years. Such leases may provide for renewal for an additional term of not exceeding twenty-five years.

Rules to be prescribed.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved, August 5, 1939.

[CHAPTER 432]

AN ACT

August 5, 1939

[S. 1156]

[Public, No. 268]

To authorize the transfer to the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Treasury of portions of the property within the military reservation known as the Morehead City Target Range, North Carolina, for the construction of improvements thereon, and for other purposes.

Morehead City Target Range, N. C.  
Transfer of jurisdiction to Treasury for Coast Guard, etc., purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to make transfers to the jurisdiction and control of the Secretary of the Treasury of such portions of the property at present included within the military reservation known as the Morehead City Target Range, North Carolina, and upon such conditions, as may be mutually agreed upon by the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Treasury. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to construct within the limits of the property so transferred, from such funds as may be now or may hereafter become available, such improvements or buildings, appurtenances, and approaches thereto as he may deem adequate and suitable for the use of said property as a target range by the United States Coast Guard, and for use in carrying out any other functions or duties of the Treasury Department: *Provided*, That upon cessation of such use the premises or any part thereof so transferred shall revert to the jurisdiction of the War Department.

Improvements authorized.

Proviso.  
Reversionary provision.

Approved, August 5, 1939.

[CHAPTER 433]

AN ACT

August 5, 1939

[S. 1282]

[Public, No. 269]

To extend the privilege of retirement for disability to judges appointed to hold office during good behavior.

United States courts.  
Retirement privilege extended to designated judges or justices of.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any judge or justice of any court of the United States, appointed to hold office during good behavior, who becomes unable because of permanent disability to perform the duties of his office, may retire from regular active service on the bench and the President shall thereupon be authorized to appoint a successor.

District or circuit judges.

SEC. 2. Any district or circuit judge, other than a senior circuit judge, who desires to retire under the provisions of this Act shall certify his disability in writing and shall furnish a like certificate made by the senior circuit judge of the judicial circuit in which the court of which he is a member is situated. Any Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, other than the Chief Justice of the United States, who desires to retire under the provisions of this Act shall certify his disability in writing and shall furnish a like cer-

Justices of Supreme Court.