

and five one-hundredths acres of non-Indian-owned land within the Uintah irrigation project, Utah, is hereby approved, and the Secretary of the Interior is directed to take any necessary action to remove from the records the landowners' obligations so canceled.

Approved April 28, 1950.

[CHAPTER 125]

AN ACT

To repeal the authority to assess certain owners of nonmilitary buildings situated within the limits of the Fort Monroe Military Reservation, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, effective July 1, 1950—*

(a) That paragraph headed "Sewerage system at Fort Monroe, Virginia", of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, for the armament thereof, for the procurement of heavy ordnance for trial and service, and for other purposes", approved August 1, 1894 (28 Stat. 213), as amended, is amended by striking out the following: "; and the Secretary of War is hereby further authorized to assess upon vessels using the wharf at Fort Monroe, Virginia, one-half of the actual cost of repairs rendered necessary by the ordinary wear and tear of said wharf, and any damage done to said wharf by any vessel shall be paid for by the owner or owners of said vessel; and he is also authorized and directed from time to time to cause to be assessed upon and collected from the owners of nonmilitary buildings situated within the limits of the Fort Monroe Military Reservation, and from individuals or corporations engaged in business thereat, other than water-navigation companies, one-half of such sum or sums of money as he may deem just, reasonable, and necessary for expenditure upon the repair and operation of, such roads, pavements, streets, lights, sewerage, and general police, as in the opinion of the Secretary of War should be constructed and maintained in order to protect the interest of the United States and the interests, health, and general welfare of the said nonmilitary interests now established or that may hereafter be established at Fort Monroe: *Provided further*, That all funds collected as above provided, or that may be received from other incidental sources from and after this date, be, and are hereby, made special contingent funds, to be collected and expended for the above purposes in accordance with rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of War, who will render annually to Congress a detailed account of all receipts and expenditures".

(b) The Secretary of the Army is hereby empowered to authorize and regulate the activities of the nonmilitary interests on the Fort Monroe Military Reservation in accordance with the law, and rules and regulations prescribed by him, relating to similar nonmilitary interests on other military reservations.

Approved April 28, 1950.

[CHAPTER 134]

AN ACT

To revise and repeal certain Acts relating to rules of survey to permit departures from the system of rectangular survey when necessary on all public lands, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the third paragraph of section 2395, Revised Statutes (43 U. S. C., sec. 751), is amended to read as follows:*

April 28, 1950

[H. R. 4316]

[Public Law 489]

Fort Monroe Military Reservation, Va.  
Repeal of designated authority.

28 Stat. 212.

Regulation of non-military interests.

April 29, 1950

[H. R. 3150]

[Public Law 490]

Rules of survey.

“Third. The township shall be subdivided into sections, containing, as nearly as may be, six hundred and forty acres each, by running parallel lines through the same from east to west and from south to north at the distance of one mile from each other, and marking corners at the distance of each half mile. The sections shall be numbered, respectively, beginning with the number one in the northeast section and proceeding west and east alternately through the township with progressive numbers, until the thirty-six be completed.”

SEC. 2. Section 2410, Revised Statutes (43 U. S. C., sec. 770), is amended to read as follows:

“The Secretary of the Interior may, by regulation, provide that departures may be made from the system of rectangular surveys whenever it is not feasible or economical to extend the rectangular surveys in the regular manner or whenever such departure would promote the beneficial use of lands.”

SEC. 3. Section 1 of the Act of April 13, 1926, entitled “An Act to authorize a departure from the rectangular system of surveys of homestead claims in Alaska, and for other purposes” (44 Stat. 243; 48 U. S. C., sec. 379), is hereby amended by deleting the following words: “and the provisions of the Act of June 28, 1918 (40 Stat. L. 632), insofar as they require that surveys executed thereunder, without expense to the claimant, must follow the general system of the public land surveys.”

SEC. 4. Section 2408, Revised Statutes (43 U. S. C., sec. 768), and section 2409, Revised Statutes (43 U. S. C., sec. 769), are hereby repealed.

Approved April 29, 1950.

Repeals.

[CHAPTER 135]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of the Congress to the negotiation of a compact relating to the waters of the Canadian River by the States of Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico.

April 29, 1950  
[H. R. 3482]  
[Public Law 491]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of the Congress is hereby given to the States of Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico to negotiate and enter into a compact not later than June 30, 1953, providing for an equitable apportionment among the said States of the waters of the Canadian River and its tributaries, upon the condition that one suitable person, who shall be appointed by the President of the United States, shall participate in said negotiations as the representative of the United States and shall make report to the Congress of the proceedings and of any compact entered into. Said compact shall not be binding or obligatory upon any of the parties thereto unless and until the same shall have been ratified by the legislature of each of the States aforesaid and approved by the Congress of the United States.*

Canadian River  
compact.  
Consent of Congress.

Approved April 29, 1950.

[CHAPTER 136]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of July 31, 1946, in order retroactively to advance in grade, time in grade, and compensation certain employees in the postal field service who are veterans of World War II.

April 29, 1950  
[H. R. 4285]  
[Public Law 491]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (a) of the first section of the Act entitled “An Act to provide benefits for*

Postal field service.  
Adjustment in  
grade, etc., of certain  
employees.