

**CHAP. 257.**—An Act To amend an Act authorizing the Washington, Spa Springs and Gretta Railroad Company of Maryland to enter the District of Columbia, approved February eighteenth, nineteen hundred and seven.

March 3, 1909.  
[S. 9006.]

[Public, No. 310.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section eighteen of an Act authorizing the Washington, Spa Springs and Gretta Railroad Company of Maryland, a corporation created by the laws of the State of Maryland and authorized by an Act of Congress approved February eighteenth, nineteen hundred and seven, to extend its line into the District of Columbia, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

District of Columbia.  
Time extended for constructing Washington, Spa Springs and Gretta Railroad.  
Vol. 34, p. 896, amended.

“**SEC. 18.** That the construction of the said extension on the lines of said railroad company within the District of Columbia shall be commenced within six months from the passage of this Act and shall be completed and cars in operation within one year from the passage of this Act, in default of which this Act shall be void and of no effect: *Provided,* That the tracks of the Washington, Spa Springs and Gretta Railroad shall be located approximately in the middle of Bladensburg road, as the same shall be ultimately widened to a width of ninety feet; and that the Washington, Spa Springs and Gretta Railroad Company shall, in conjunction with its track construction, grade and macadamize, to such section and profile as is approved by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, a width of fifteen feet on both sides of its track construction; and that the Washington, Spa Springs and Gretta Railroad Company shall bear and defray all costs of this widening, which shall be done to the entire satisfaction of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia: *And provided further,* That all the rights, duties, obligations, and requirements as to permits and deposits contained in the Act of February eighteenth, nineteen hundred and seven, authorizing the Washington, Spa Springs and Gretta Railroad Company of Maryland to enter the District of Columbia shall, in conjunction with this amendment, remain in full force and effect.”

Time of construction.

*Provisos.*  
Widening Bladensburg road.

Costs.

Permits and deposits.

Approved, March 3, 1909.

**CHAP. 258.**—An Act To provide for the sale of isolated tracts of public land in Imperial County, California.

March 3, 1909.  
[S. 9373.]

[Public, No. 311.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all the allotted portions of townships thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen, south of ranges eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen, and of fractional township seventeen south, of ranges fifteen and sixteen, all east of San Bernardino meridian, which are ten chains or less in width and lie between or abut on entered or patented lands, shall be sold at private sale for cash, at such price and under such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe, but not at less than two dollars and fifty cents an acre: *Provided,* That any entryman or owner of such entered or patented tracts shall have a preferred right to buy one-half of all such lots as abut on lands held under his entry or owned by him within six months after the time when the said Secretary shall fix the price of such tracts, and this preferred right shall not prevent such entryman or owner from buying all of any such abutting lots as may remain unsold at the expiration of said six months.

Public lands.  
Sale of isolated tracts in Imperial County, Cal., authorized.  
Description.

Price per acre.

*Proviso.*  
Preference rights.

Approved, March 3, 1909.