

December 15, 1926.  
[H. R. 11662.]  
[Public, No. 530.]

**CHAP. 9.**—An Act Authorizing an expenditure of tribal funds of the Crow Indians of Montana to employ counsel to represent them in their claims against the United States.

Crow Indians, Mont.  
Retainer allowed for  
counsel from tribal  
funds.

*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 hereby is, authorized to expend, out of the funds now standing to the credit of the Crow Nation of Indians of Montana in the Treasury of the United States, a sum of not to exceed \$5,000 as a retainer to attorneys employed by the Crow Indians under contract as provided by law: *Provided,* That not more than \$2,500 of said sum of \$5,000 shall be paid to counsel upon the approval of their contract for employment, and that the remainder shall be paid to them only when the Secretary of the Interior is satisfied that services in the value of \$5,000 have been rendered by them in behalf of the Indians.

*Ante,* p. 808.

*Proviso.*  
Mode of payment.

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[H. J. Res. 256.]  
[Pub. Res., No. 48.]

**CHAP. 10.**—Joint Resolution Relieving posts or camps of organizations composed of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, or marines from liability on account of loss or destruction of obsolete rifles loaned by the War Department.

Veterans' organiza-  
tions.  
Relieved from lia-  
bility for loss, etc., of  
Army rifles loaned to  
them.  
Vol. 41, p. 977.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized, at his discretion, in proper cases to relieve posts or camps of organizations composed of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, or marines, and sureties on bonds, from liability on account of the loss or destruction of obsolete or condemned Army rifles, slings, and cartridge belts loaned by the Secretary of War under authority of the Act approved June 5, 1920 (Forty-first Statutes, pages 976-977) when there is conclusive evidence that the loss has not occurred through negligence.

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[H. R. 12393.]  
[Public, No. 531.]

**CHAP. 12.**—An Act To amend paragraphs 1 and 2 of section 26 of the Act of June 30, 1919, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, and for other purposes, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920."

Indian reservations.  
Vol. 41, p. 31,  
amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That paragraphs 1 and 2 of section 26 of the Act of June 30, 1919 (Forty-first Statutes at Large, page 31), entitled "An Act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, and for other purposes, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920," are hereby amended to read as follows:

Mineral lands.  
Leases authorized of  
deposits of metallif-  
erous and nonmetallif-  
erous minerals on  
withdrawn unallotted  
reservation lands.

"That the Secretary of the Interior be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered, under general regulations to be fixed by him and under such terms and conditions as he may prescribe, not inconsistent with the terms of this section, to lease to citizens of the United States, or to any association of such persons or to any corporation organized under the laws of the United States or of any State or Territory thereof, any part of the unallotted lands within any Indian reservation within the States of Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, or Wyoming heretofore withdrawn from entry under the mining laws for the purpose of mining for deposits of gold, silver, copper, and other valuable

States specified.

metalliferous minerals and nonmetalliferous minerals, not including oil and gas, which leases shall be irrevocable, except as herein provided, but which may be declared null and void upon breach of any of their terms.

“That after the passage and approval of this section, unallotted lands, or such portion thereof as the Secretary of the Interior shall determine, within Indian reservations heretofore withheld from disposition under the mining laws may be declared by the Secretary of the Interior to be subject to exploration for the discovery of deposits of gold, silver, copper, and other valuable metalliferous minerals and nonmetalliferous minerals, not including oil and gas, by citizens of the United States, and after such declaration mining claims may be located by such citizens in the same manner as mining claims are located under the mining laws of the United States: *Provided*, That the locators of all such mining claims, or their heirs, successors, or assigns, shall have a preference right to apply to the Secretary of the Interior for a lease, under the terms and conditions of this section, within one year after the date of the location of any mining claim, and any such locator who shall fail to apply for a lease within one year from the date of location shall forfeit all rights to such mining claim: *Provided further*, That duplicate copies of the location notice shall be filed within sixty days with the superintendent in charge of the reservation on which the mining claim is located and that application for a lease under this section may be filed with such superintendent for transmission through official channels to the Secretary of the Interior: *And provided further*, That lands containing springs, water holes, or other bodies of water needed or used by the Indians for watering livestock, irrigation, or water-power purposes shall not be designated by the Secretary of the Interior as subject to entry under this section.”

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Oil and gas excluded.

Lands subject to exploration to be determined.

Location of claims.

*Proviso.*  
Locators to have preference right for leases.

Notice of applications to be filed, etc.

Water lands, etc., excluded.

**CHAP. 15.**—Joint Resolution Authorizing payment of salaries of the officers and employees of Congress for December, 1926, on the 20th day of that month.

December 18, 1926.  
[H. J. Res. 305.]  
[Pub. Res., No. 49.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives are authorized and directed to pay to the officers and employees of the Senate and House of Representatives, including the Capitol Police, the Office of Legislative Counsel, and employees paid on vouchers under authority of resolutions, their respective salaries for the month of December, 1926, on the 20th day of that month.

Congressional employees, etc., to be paid December salaries, December 20, 1926.

Approved, December 18, 1926.

**CHAP. 17.**—An Act Authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Navy to turn over the gunboat Wolverine to the municipality of Erie, Pennsylvania.

December 21, 1926.  
[H. R. 12853.]  
[Public, No. 532.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and directed to turn over to the municipality of Erie, Pennsylvania, the gunboat Wolverine, for use in connection with the training of the naval reserve organization of the city: *Provided*, That no expense to the Government shall be involved.

Erie, Pa.  
Gunboat “Wolverine” turned over to, for naval reserve.  
Vol. 37, p. 355.

*Proviso.*  
No Government expense.

Approved, December 21, 1926.