

Lease authorized on discovery.

Provisos. Area allowed.

Selection, etc.

Term, royalty, and rental.

Preference to lease remainder of land.

Rejection of bids.

in accordance with the provisions of the Act of February 25, 1920, to prospect for oil and gas upon lands within an Indian reservation or withdrawal created by Executive order who shall show to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior that he, or the party with whom he has contracted, has done prior to January 1, 1926, any or all of the following things, to wit, expended money or labor in geologically surveying the lands covered by such application, has built a road for the benefit of such lands, or has drilled or contributed toward the drilling of the geologic structure upon which such lands are located, or who in good faith has either filed a motion for reinstatement or rehearing; or performed any other act which in the judgment of the Secretary of the Interior entitles him to equitable relief, to prospect for a period of two years from the date this Act takes effect, or for such further time as the Secretary of the Interior may deem reasonable or necessary for the full exploration of the land described in his application under the terms and conditions therein set out, and a substantial contribution toward the drilling of the geologic structure thereon by such applicant for a permit thereon may be considered as prospecting under the provisions hereof; and upon establishing to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior that valuable deposits of oil and gas have been discovered within the limits of the land embraced in any such application, he shall be entitled to a lease for one-fourth of the land embraced in the application: *Provided*, That the applicant shall be granted a lease for as much as one hundred and sixty acres of said lands if there be that number of acres within the application. The area to be selected by the applicant shall be in compact form and, if surveyed, to be described by the legal subdivisions of the public land surveyed; if unsurveyed, to be surveyed by the Government at the expense of the applicant for lease in accordance with rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, and the lands leased shall be conformed to and taken in accordance with the legal subdivisions of such surveys; deposit made to cover expense of surveys shall be deemed appropriated for that purpose, and any excess deposits may be repaid to the person or persons making such deposit or their legal representatives. Such leases shall be for a term of twenty years upon a royalty of 5 per centum in amount or value of the production and the annual payment in advance of a rental of \$1 per acre, the rental paid for any one year to be credited against the royalties as they may accrue for that year, with the preferential right in the lessee to renew the same for successive periods of ten years upon such reasonable terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior. The applicant shall also be entitled to a preference right to a lease for the remainder of the land in his application at a royalty of not less than 12½ per centum in amount or value of the production, the royalty to be determined by competitive bidding or fixed by such other methods as the Secretary of the Interior may by regulations prescribe: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the Interior shall have the right to reject any or all bids.

Approved, March 3, 1927.

March 3, 1927.
[S. 227.]
[Public, No. 703.]

CHAP. 300.—An Act To provide for the appointment of an additional district judge for the district of Connecticut.

Connecticut judicial district.
Additional judge authorized for.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint an additional judge

of the District Court of the United States for the District of Connecticut whose compensation, duties, and powers shall be the same as now provided by law for other district judges and who shall reside within the said district of Connecticut.

Vol. 36, p. 1087, amended.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the President.

Effective upon approval.

Approved, March 3, 1927.

CHAP. 301.—An Act To provide for the widening of C Street northeast, in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

March 3, 1927.
[S. 5435.]
[Public, No. 704.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That under and in accordance with the provisions of subchapter 1 of Chapter XV of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to institute in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia a proceeding in rem to condemn the land necessary for the widening of C Street between North Carolina Avenue and Twenty-first Street northeast, to provide for an addition to the width of said street of forty feet on the south side of said street, the land to be condemned for the said widening being a strip of land forty feet wide through squares 1082, 1093, 1107, 1118, and 1125, lying immediately south of the present south line of C Street: *Provided,* That if the amount found to be due and awarded by the jury in such proceeding as damages for and in respect of the land condemned for said widening of C Street, plus the costs and expenses of the proceeding, is greater than the amount of benefits assessed, then the amount of such excess shall be paid out of the revenues of the District of Columbia, but it shall be optional with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to abide by the verdict of the jury or, at any time before the final ratification and confirmation of the verdict, to enter a voluntary dismissal of the cause.

District of Columbia.
C Street NE.
Condemning land to widen.
Vol. 34, p. 151.

Proviso,
If damages exceed benefits, excess payable from District revenues.

Option of commissioners.

SEC. 2. That the appropriation contained in the District of Columbia Appropriation Act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927 (Public, Numbered 205, Sixty-ninth Congress), for the opening, extension, widening, or straightening of streets, avenues, roads, or highways, in accordance with the plan of the permanent system of highways in that portion of the District of Columbia outside of the cities of Washington and Georgetown, is hereby made available to pay the awards and expenses under this Act, and the amounts assessed as benefits, when collected, shall be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the District of Columbia.

Indefinite highways appropriation available for awards and expenses.
Ante, p. 427.

Benefit assessments credited to the District.

Approved, March 3, 1927.

CHAP. 302.—An Act Authorizing the Shoshone Tribe of Indians of the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming to submit claims to the Court of Claims.

March 3, 1927.
[S. 5523.]
[Public, No. 705.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction be, and is hereby, conferred upon the Court of Claims, with right of appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States by either party, notwithstanding the lapse of time or statutes of limitation, to hear, examine, adjudicate, and render judgment in any and all legal and equitable claims which the Shoshone Tribe of Indians of the Wind River Reservation in the State of Wyoming may have against the United States arising under or growing out of the treaty of July 3, 1868 (Fifteenth Statutes, page 673), or arising under or growing out of any subsequent treaty or agreement between said Shoshone

Shoshone Indians, Wyo.
Claims of, against United States, submitted to Court of Claims.

Vol. 15, p. 673.