

a hearing, stating the nature of the action or decision complained of and the grounds of complaint. Upon the filing of any such application the register of such land office shall proceed to review such action or decision as nearly as may be in accordance with the rules of practice then applicable to applications to contest entries under the public land law. Subject to such rules of practice, appeals may be taken by any party in interest from the decision of the register to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and from the decision of the Commissioner of the General Land Office to the Secretary.

Review of action.

Appeals allowed.

ADMINISTRATION

Administration.

SEC. 15 (a) The Secretary shall promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to the administration of this title, shall execute its provisions, and may (1) in accordance with the civil service laws appoint such employees and in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923 fix their compensation, and (2) make such expenditures (including expenditures for personal service and rent at the seat of government and elsewhere, for law books, books of reference, periodicals, and for printing and binding) as may be necessary efficiently to execute the provisions of this title.

Authority of Secretary of Interior.

(b) The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to continue investigations, experiments, and demonstrations for the welfare, improvement, and increase of the reindeer industry in Alaska, and upon the request of the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate in matters pertaining to the care of plant and animal life, including reindeer.

Reindeer industry. Investigations of, by Secretary of Agriculture continued.

LAWS APPLICABLE

Laws applicable.

SEC. 16. Laws now applicable to lands or resources in the Territory of Alaska shall continue in force and effect to the same extent and in the same manner after the enactment of this Act as before, and nothing in this Act shall preclude or prevent ingress or egress upon the lands in districts for any purpose authorized by any such law, including prospecting for and extraction of minerals.

Land and resources' laws continued in force.

Approved, March 4, 1927.

CHAP. 514.—Joint Resolution To amend subdivisions (b) and (e) of section 11 of the Immigration Act of 1924, as amended.

March 4, 1927.  
[S. J. Res. 152.]  
[Pub. Res., No. 69.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subdivisions (b) and (e) of section 11 of the Immigration Act of 1924, as amended, are amended by striking out the figures "1927" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "1928."*

Immigration Act. Quota ratio deferred to 1928. Vol. 43, p. 159, amended.

Approved, March 4, 1927.

CHAP. 515.—Joint Resolution Authorizing a joint committee of both Houses to consider the purchase of the right to an unrestricted use of the Harriman Geographic Code System under patents issued, or that may be issued, and also the unrestricted use of all copyrights issued, or that may be issued, in connection with the products of the Harriman Geographic Code System for all governmental, administrative, or publication purposes for which the same may be desirable.

March 4, 1927.  
[S. J. Res. 110.]  
[Pub. Res., No. 70.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the Senate appoint three Members of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House three Members of the House, all of whom shall have been*

Harriman Geographic Code System.