

Descriptive entry thereon.

Gold medals to be presented to each.

Sum authorized.

Annual payments to designated persons in lieu of pensions.

Weatherwalks, and to define in appropriate language the part which each of these persons played in the experimentations during the yellow-fever investigations in Cuba; and in further recognition of the high public service so rendered by the persons hereinbefore named, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to cause to be struck for each of said persons a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, and to present the same to each of said persons as shall be living and posthumously to such representatives of each of such persons as shall have died, as shall be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury. For this purpose there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$5,000; and there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such amounts annually as may be necessary in order to pay to the following-named persons during the remainder of their natural lives the sum of \$125 per month, and such amount shall be in lieu of any and all pensions authorized by law for the following-named persons: Private Paul Hamann; Private John R. Kissinger; Private William Olsen, Hospital Corps; Private Charles G. Sonntag, Hospital Corps; Private Clyde L. West, Hospital Corps; Private James Hildebrand, Hospital Corps; Private James A. Andrus, Hospital Corps; Mr. John R. Bullard; Doctor Aristides Agramonte; Private A. W. Covington, Twenty-third Battery, Coast Artillery Corps; Private Wallace W. Forbes, Hospital Corps; Private Levi E. Folk, Hospital Corps; Private James F. Hanberry, Hospital Corps; Doctor R. P. Cooke; Private Thomas M. England; Mr. John J. Moran; and the widow of Private Edward Weatherwalks.

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[H. R. 11360.]

[Public, No. 859.]

CHAP. 382.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey or transfer certain water rights in connection with the Boise reclamation project.

Boise irrigation project.

Designated Government water rights relinquished to Arrowrock division thereof.

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 is hereby authorized to relinquish to the board of control of the Arrowrock division, Boise irrigation project, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in or to certain Ridenbaugh or Nampa and Meridian irrigation district water rights, not heretofore disposed of, obtained when land with appurtenant water rights was purchased by the United States for the Deer Flat Reservoir.

Distribution of water.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to permit the water to which the United States is entitled under the said Ridenbaugh rights to be taken into and distributed through the canal system of the Arrowrock division of the Boise project by the board of control and used or disposed of by the said board of control for the benefit of the said Arrowrock division.

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[H. R. 10657.]

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CHAP. 383.—An Act To authorize the assessment of levee, road, drainage, and other improvement-district benefits against certain lands, and for other purposes.

Saint Francis Levee district, Ark.

Consent given to assessments of benefits to local districts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of the Government of the United States to the levy of special assessments, based upon benefits estimated to be derived from local levee and drainage districts within the boundaries of the Saint Francis

Levee district of Arkansas, within the State of Arkansas, is hereby expressed and given. The laws of the State of Arkansas levying said special assessments and providing for the enforcement of such levy and the establishment of a lien and of all remedies pertaining thereto are expressly made applicable to the lands described in this Act: *Provided*, That no levy, assessment, or collection of any special assessment shall attach or be applicable to any lands of the United States, nor permit the collection of any special assessment for such tax from the United States Government, nor from any entryman or person as to any such lands until the date when the entryman or purchaser shall become entitled to a patent from the United States for such land. Such levy, special assessment, or tax shall not operate against the Government of the United States, and shall only operate and take effect and be in force when and if the equitable title to any particular tract of land involved shall have passed from the United States to such entryman or purchaser, and such entryman or purchaser shall have become entitled to patent therefor.

State laws applicable.

Proviso.
Not applicable to Government lands, etc.

SEC. 2. That all the Acts, levies, assessments, and proceedings in substantial accordance with the laws of Arkansas, and all levies and assessments of benefits against lands, the equitable title to which had passed as provided in section 1 of this Act, are hereby cured and confirmed, and the same shall not be set aside, vacated, or annulled by any court for want of jurisdiction or any irregularity in the proceedings based upon the want of authority now conferred by this Act.

Acts, etc., in accordance with Arkansas laws, confirmed, etc.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall be available to the Saint Francis Levee district of Arkansas, and to any drainage district within the boundaries of the Saint Francis Levee district heretofore or hereafter created, as expressing the consent of the Government to the special assessments fixed substantially in accordance with the laws of Arkansas and this Act.

Consent of the Government to the special assessments fixed by State laws and this Act.

SEC. 4. That in all cases where there has been a foreclosure of the liens of any improvement district and said lands have been purchased by the said districts, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, upon proof of such sale and purchase and upon the payment of the sum of \$5 per acre, together with the usual fees and commissions charged entry of lands under the homestead laws, where such payment has not heretofore been made, to execute to said district or districts a patent to said lands; and in all cases of future foreclosures and purchases by said districts it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, upon the payment of a like sum and proof of the foreclosure and purchase by the said districts, to execute to them patents for the lands so purchased upon the expiration of the period of redemption in the areas in Mississippi and Poinsett Counties described in the Act of January 17, 1920.

Lands purchased by districts under foreclosure of liens, to be patented thereto on payment for, etc.

Similar action for lands in Mississippi and Poinsett Counties on exemption of redemption periods.

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SEC. 5. If any portion of this Act be held unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remaining provisions of the Act.

Invalidity of any portion not to affect remainder of Act.

SEC. 6. This Act shall repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith and shall take effect forthwith.

Effective forthwith and conflicting laws repealed.

Approved, February 28, 1929.

CHAP. 384.—An Act Amending the Act approved May 4, 1926, providing for the construction and maintenance of bathing pools or beaches in the District of Columbia.

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[H. R. 5758.]
[Public, No. 861.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act for the establishment of artificial bathing pools or beaches in the District of Columbia," approved May 4, 1926

District of Columbia.
Bathing pools.