

[CHAPTER 274]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue oil and gas leases on certain lands.

July 3, 1941
[S. 178]
[Public Law 151]

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 authorized and directed to issue leases under the provisions of section 19 of the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437), as amended, except as otherwise provided in this Act, covering lands within the area in Niobrara County, Wyoming, described as follows:

Niobrara County,
Wyo.
Issuance of oil and
gas leases.

41 Stat. 445.
30 U. S. C. § 228.

Southwest quarter section 25; south half section 26; southeast quarter, southeast quarter northwest quarter, and east half southwest quarter section 27; east half section 34; north half and southeast quarter section 35, all the foregoing in township 36 north, range 65 west, of the sixth principal meridian, and west half northeast quarter section 28, township 36 north, range 64 west, of the sixth principal meridian.

Such leases shall be issued to the respective oil and gas operators in possession of lands within the area described above on and prior to January 1, 1940, under placer-mining claims initiated prior to October 16, 1918, and shall inure to the benefit of all parties having contracts with the lessees or operators under such placer mining claims as their interests may appear. Each lease shall be dated as of January 1, 1940, and shall be for a term of ten years and so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced in paying quantities. Each lease shall reserve as royalty to the United States 12½ per centum of all the oil and gas produced except oil or gas used for production purposes or unavoidably lost. No lease shall issue unless (1) an application for lease be made within six months from the effective date of this Act; (2) the application covers all of the lands in the possession of the applicant within the area described above; (3) the applicant shows aggregate expenditures prior to January 1, 1940, by the applicant and his predecessors in interest of not less than \$10,000 on or for the benefit of each claim upon which the application is based; and (4) the applicant shall pay to the United States as royalty 4 cents per barrel for all oil and one-fourth cent per thousand cubic feet for all gas produced from the claim prior to January 1, 1940, except oil or gas used for production purposes or unavoidably lost.

Terms and condi-
tions.

Approved, July 3, 1941.

[CHAPTER 275]

AN ACT

To amend section 2 of the Act of April 3, 1939 (53 Stat. 556), so as to make its provisions applicable to personnel of all components of the Army of the United States.

July 3, 1941
[S. 1246]
[Public Law 152]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act of April 3, 1939 (53 Stat. 556), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Aviation, U. S.
Army.
10 U. S. C. § 206a.

SEC. 2. When the facilities of the Army for instruction and training in aviation are deemed by the Secretary of War to be insufficient he may, under such regulations as he may prescribe, and without reference to any limitation contained in section 127a of the National Defense Act, as amended (10 U. S. C. 535), detail personnel of the Army of the United States as students of any technical, professional, or other educational institution, or as students, observers, or investigators at such

Detail of personnel
for special training.

41 Stat. 785.
Ante, pp. 189, 369.

Proviso.
Limitation on ex-
penses.

Payment of tuition.

industrial plants or other places as shall be best suited to enable such personnel to acquire a knowledge of or experience in the specialties incident to aviation in which the training of such personnel is essential: *Provided*, That no expense shall be incurred by the United States in addition to the authorized emoluments of the personnel so detailed except for the cost of tuition at such educational institutions, and the cost of maintenance of necessary personnel who may be detailed as supervisors or inspectors and of the equipment assigned to them for their official use: *Provided further*, That the tuition for the personnel during the period of their detail may be paid from any funds which may hereafter be made available for the procurement branches.

Approved, July 3, 1941.

[CHAPTER 276]

AN ACT

To amend section 2 of the Act of August 27, 1935, as amended.

July 3, 1941
[H. R. 4988]
[Public Law 153]

Coastwise Load
Line Act, 1935,
amendment.
49 Stat. 888, 1543.
46 U. S. C. § 88a.

Proviso.
Establishment of
load lines during na-
tional emergency.
6 F. R. 2617.

47 Stat. 2228.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act of August 27, 1935, as amended by the Act of June 20, 1936 (U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. V, title 46, sec. 88a), is amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a colon and by the addition immediately thereafter of the following: "*Provided, however*, That during the national emergency proclaimed by the President on May 27, 1941, to exist, but not after June 30, 1943, load lines may be established or marked on any vessel (except a passenger vessel) while engaged on a coastwise voyage by sea from port to port in the continental United States, which load line gives a lesser free board and less buoyance than the load line established by the International Treaty on Load Lines of 1930, when, in the opinion of the Secretary of Commerce, such load line will not be above the actual line of safety."

Approved, July 3, 1941.

[CHAPTER 277]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the Norfolk and Western Railway Company to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Tug Fork of Big Sandy River near Nolan, Mingo County, West Virginia.

July 8, 1941
[S. 1304]
[Public Law 154]

Tug Fork of Big
Sandy River.
Bridge authorized
across, near Nolan,
W. Va.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-
498.

Right to sell, trans-
fer, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Virginia, and authorized to do business in the States of West Virginia and Kentucky, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a railroad bridge and approaches thereto across the Tug Fork of Big Sandy River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation near Nolan, West Virginia, where the said Tug Fork forms the boundary line between the States of West Virginia and Kentucky, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906.

SEC. 2. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, its successors and assigns, and any corporation to which such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or which shall acquire