

Chippewa National Forest and be subject to laws applicable to lands acquired under the Act of March 1, 1911 (36 Stat. 961), as amended.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to convey, without consideration, by quitclaim deed, to the village of Grand Rapids, Itasca County, Minnesota, the land, exclusive of the structures and improvements, conveyed to the United States by the deed referred to in section 1 hereof.

Approved October 5, 1949.

16 U. S. C. §§ 513-519, 521, 552, 563, 480, 500.

[CHAPTER 598]

AN ACT

To extend the benefits of the annual and sick leave laws to part-time employees on regular tours of duty and to validate payments heretofore made for leave on account of services of such employees.

October 5, 1949  
[H. R. 2619]

[Public Law 316]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That part-time officers and employees for whom there has been established a regular tour of duty covering not less than five days in any administrative workweek shall, unless otherwise excepted, be entitled to the benefits pro rata of the annual and sick leave Acts of March 14, 1936 (49 Stat. 1161 and 1162, respectively), and such Acts are hereby amended accordingly.

Government part-time employees.  
Leave benefits.

5 U. S. C. §§ 29a, 30b-30m; Supp. II, § 30b et seq.

SEC. 2. Any person who prior to the enactment of this Act received any amount the payment of which is authorized for the first time by this Act is hereby relieved of all liability to refund to the United States any such amount.

Approved October 5, 1949.

[CHAPTER 599]

AN ACT

To amend section 5 of the Act approved July 10, 1890, as amended, relating to the admission into the Union of the State of Wyoming, so as to permit the leasing of school lands within such State for mineral purposes for terms in excess of ten years.

October 5, 1949  
[H. R. 2678]

[Public Law 317]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the admission of the State of Wyoming into the Union, and for other purposes", approved July 10, 1890, as amended (48 Stat. 350), is hereby further amended by striking out the words "mineral leases including leases for exploration for oil and gas and the extraction thereof for a term not longer than ten years;"

Wyoming school lands.  
Mineral leases.

Approved October 5, 1949.

[CHAPTER 600]

AN ACT

To authorize advances of pay to personnel of the armed services upon permanent change of station, and for other purposes.

October 5, 1949  
[H. R. 4050]

[Public Law 318]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) upon permanent change of station, commissioned and warrant officers, and enlisted men of the armed services, may be paid in advance under such regulations as the heads of the departments concerned may prescribe: *Provided,* That such advance payments shall not exceed three months' pay in any one case.

Armed services.  
Advance payments.

Duty at distant stations.

(b) When on duty at distant stations where the pay and emoluments to which they are entitled cannot be disbursed regularly, commissioned and warrant officers, and enlisted men of the armed services, may have their pay and emoluments advanced under such regulations as the heads of the departments concerned may prescribe.

(c) The regulations prescribed for the administration of this section shall, insofar as practicable, be uniform for the services concerned.

Unliquidated amount.

SEC. 2. In the event the person to whom an advance of pay is made pursuant to section 1 of this Act dies or is separated from the service for any reason prior to the liquidation of such advance, the amount remaining unliquidated at the time of death or separation shall be passed to credit in the account of the disbursing officer concerned: *Provided*, That such amount remaining unliquidated shall remain a debt from such person or his estate due the United States.

Repeals.

SEC. 3. (a) Section 1563 of the Revised Statutes (34 U. S. C. A. 875) is hereby repealed.

(b) That part of paragraph 1, subheading "Pay of the Navy", heading "Bureau of Supplies and Accounts" of the Act of March 4, 1917 (39 Stat. 1181; 34 U. S. C. A. 875), which authorizes advances in pay to officers of the Navy and Marine Corps under certain conditions, is hereby repealed.

Approved October 5, 1949.

[CHAPTER 601]

AN ACT

October 5, 1949  
[H. R. 4875]  
[Public Law 319]

To amend title 28 of the United States Code relating to travel expense allowances for Government employee witnesses.

Title 28, U. S. Code, amendment.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the first sentence of section 1823 (a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking out "5 cents" and "\$6" and inserting in lieu "7 cents" and "\$9", respectively. Accordingly said section 1823 (a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

62 Stat. 950.  
28 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 1823 (a).  
*Ante*, p. 103.

"SEC. 1823. United States officers and employees.

Travel expenses of witnesses.

"(a) Any officer or employee of the United States or any agency thereof, summoned as a witness on behalf of the United States, shall be paid his necessary expenses incident to travel by common carrier, and if travel is made by privately owned automobile mileage at a rate not to exceed 7 cents per mile, together with a per diem allowance not to exceed \$9 in lieu of subsistence under regulations prescribed by the Attorney General. Such expenses for appearing as a witness in any case involving the activity in connection with which such person is employed shall be payable from the appropriation otherwise available for travel expenses of such officer or employee under proper certification by a certifying officer of the department or agency concerned."

Approved October 5, 1949.

[CHAPTER 602]

AN ACT

October 5, 1949  
[H. R. 5465]  
[Public Law 320]

To amend section 4 (e) of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended.

Civil Service Retirement Act, amendment.

53 Stat. 1201.  
5 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 698 (e).

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 4 (e) of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended by substituting a colon for the period at the end thereof and adding the following: "*Provided*, That in cases of officers and employees paid on a fee basis, the maximum basic salary, pay, or com-