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48 Stat. 974.
41 U. S. C. §§ 28–33.

made, res adjudicata, laches, or any provisions of Public Act Numbered 369, as enacted on June 16, 1934.

Interpretation and purpose of Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall not be interpreted as raising any presumption or conclusion of fact or law but shall be held solely to provide for trial upon facts as may be alleged.

Approved, June 25, 1938.

[CHAPTER 700]

AN ACT

June 25, 1938
[S. 3763]
[Public, No. 742]

To increase the period for which leases may be made for grazing and agricultural purposes of public lands donated to the States of North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Washington by the Act of February 22, 1889, as amended.

Public lands of designated States.
Grazing and agricultural leases, period extended.
25 Stat. 679; 47 Stat. 150.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the second paragraph of section 11 of the Act relating to the admission into the Union of the States of North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Washington, approved February 22, 1889, as amended, as reads "but leases for grazing and agricultural purposes shall not be for a term longer than five years", is amended to read as follows: "but leases for grazing and agricultural purposes shall not be for a term longer than ten years".

Approved, June 25, 1938.

[CHAPTER 701]

AN ACT

June 25, 1938
[S. 3798]
[Public, No. 743]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to establish a Civilian Conservation Corps, and for other purposes", approved June 28, 1937.

Civilian Conservation Corps.
50 Stat. 320.
16 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 584h.
Exemption of enrollees in Territories, etc., from making mandatory allotments to dependents.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 9 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a Civilian Conservation Corps, and for other purposes", approved June 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 319), is amended by inserting in the first proviso thereof, after the word "Indians", the following: "and enrollees in the Territories and insular possessions of the United States".

Approved, June 25, 1938.

[CHAPTER 702]

AN ACT

June 25, 1938
[S. 3846]
[Public, No. 744]

Relating to the levying and collecting of taxes and assessments, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia.
Protest against special assessments by aggrieved property owners; exception.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any property owner aggrieved by any special assessment levied by the District of Columbia for any public improvement, other than a special assessment levied by a jury in a condemnation proceeding, may, within sixty days after service of notice of such assessment as provided in section 3 hereof, file with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia a protest in writing against such assessment setting forth specifically the grounds of such protest and may request a hearing thereon. No ground of protest not specifically set forth need be considered by the Commissioners. If a hearing is requested the same shall be held, in the discretion of the Commissioners, either before them or before one or more agents designated by them. At such hearing, physical facts which may be ascertained by view may be considered whether proven or not. If the hearing is held before an agent or agents, such agent or agents shall report in writing to the Commissioners the substance

Hearings.