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lowing: "Anything in any other Acts of Congress to the contrary notwithstanding"; by striking out "range 35" wherever it appears in such section and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "township 35 north"; by striking out the word "of" following the word "ownership" appearing in the first proviso of the said section; and by striking out the word "constitutent" in section 1 and inserting in lieu the word "constituent".

52 Stat. 1209.

Approved, July 15, 1941.

[CHAPTER 300]

AN ACT

July 15, 1941
[S. 1289]
[Public Law 176]

Authorizing the Copper River and Northwestern Railway Company to convey to the United States its railroad right-of-way and other railroad properties in Alaska, for use as a public highway, tramroad, or tramway, and for other purposes.

Copper River and Northwestern Railway Company.
Conveyance of right-of-way, etc., to U. S.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Copper River and Northwestern Railway Company, or any of its successors in interest or assigns, is hereby authorized to give and convey to the United States of America (1) all or any portion of its railroad right-of-way acquired under grants made by Congress or otherwise, including station and terminal grounds and lands used as sites for railroad structures or purposes of any kind, and (2) equipment, including telephone and telegraph poles and lines, ties, rails, rolling stock, bridges, buildings, and other properties in Alaska used in connection with the construction, maintenance, and operation of the railroad.

Acceptance of properties for highway purposes.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to accept, on behalf of the United States and without cost to the United States, gifts and conveyances of said properties to be used, operated, and maintained, as far as may be practicable or necessary, as a public highway, tramroad, or tramway under the provisions of the Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 446), notwithstanding anything within any Act to the contrary.

48 U. S. C. §§ 322-327.

Status of properties acquired.
43 U. S. C. § 912.

SEC. 3. The provisions of the Act of March 8, 1922 (42 Stat. 414), shall not affect the right-of-way, or any portion thereof, or any other lands or properties donated, granted, or conveyed to the United States pursuant to the authorization contained in this Act.

Approved, July 15, 1941.

[CHAPTER 301]

AN ACT

July 15, 1941
[H. R. 2308]
[Public Law 177]

To ratify a lease entered into by certain Mission Indians of California.

Mission Indians, Calif.
Lease of land to Palm Springs, Calif., ratified.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a lease bearing date of December 8, 1939, between the Agua Caliente or Palm Springs Band of Mission Indians of California and the city of Palm Springs, California, in the following words, is hereby ratified and confirmed subject, however, to the conditions stated in section 2 hereof:

This indenture of lease executed at Palm Springs, California, as of the 4th day of December, 1939, by and between the Agua Caliente or Palm Springs Band of Mission Indians of California, the party of the first part hereinafter referred to as lessor and the City of Palm Springs, a municipal corporation of the State of California, the party of the second part, hereinafter referred to as lessee, both of said parties being within the County of Riverside, State of California.