

[CHAPTER 332]

AN ACT

To confer upon the Governor of Alaska the power to pardon and remit fines and forfeitures for offenses against laws of the Territory of Alaska.

July 25, 1947
[H. R. 175]
[Public Law 244]

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 June 6, 1900 (31 Stat. 321; 48 U. S. C. 61), be amended by striking out the sentence, "He may also grant reprieves for offenses committed against the laws of the district or of the United States until the decision of the President thereon shall be made known.", and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "He may grant pardons and reprieves and remit fines and forfeitures for offenses against the laws of the said Territory and reprieves for all offenses against the laws of the United States until the decision of the President thereon shall be made known."

Alaska.
Power of Governor
to grant pardons, etc.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon the date of its enactment.
Approved July 25, 1947.

Effective date.

[CHAPTER 333]

AN ACT

To amend the Natural Gas Act approved June 21, 1938, as amended.

July 25, 1947
[H. R. 2956]
[Public Law 245]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, approved June 21, 1938, as amended (15 U. S. C. 717f), is hereby amended by adding after subsection (g) the following new subsection:

52 Stat. 824.

"(h) When any holder of a certificate of public convenience and necessity cannot acquire by contract, or is unable to agree with the owner of property to the compensation to be paid for, the necessary right-of-way to construct, operate, and maintain a pipe line or pipe lines for the transportation of natural gas, and the necessary land or other property, in addition to right-of-way, for the location of compressor stations, pressure apparatus, or other stations or equipment necessary to the proper operation of such pipe line or pipe lines, it may acquire the same by the exercise of the right of eminent domain in the district court of the United States for the district in which such property may be located, or in the State courts. The practice and procedure in any action or proceeding for that purpose in the district court of the United States shall conform as nearly as may be with the practice and procedure in similar action or proceeding in the courts of the State where the property is situated: *Provided*, That the United States district courts shall only have jurisdiction of cases when the amount claimed by the owner of the property to be condemned exceeds \$3,000."

Right-of-way for
pipe line, etc.

Practice and procedure.

Jurisdiction of
courts.

Approved July 25, 1947.

[CHAPTER 334]

AN ACT

To enable the Osage Tribal Council to determine the bonus value of tracts offered for lease for oil, gas, and other mining purposes, Osage Mineral Reservation, Oklahoma.

July 25, 1947
[H. R. 3323]
[Public Law 246]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the third paragraph of section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act relating to the tribal and individual affairs of the Osage Indians of Oklahoma", approved

Osage Indians,
Okla.
Determination of
bonus value of certain
tracts.

June 24, 1938 (52 Stat. 1034), is amended by striking out the colon following the phrase "as may be deemed for the best interest of the Osage Tribe of Indians" and inserting in lieu of said colon the following clause: "and the Osage tribal council may determine the bonus value of any tract offered for lease for oil, gas, and other mining purposes on any unleased portion of said land, and such determination shall be final."

Approved July 25, 1947.

[CHAPTER 337]

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, namely:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

SALARIES

Salaries: For the Secretary of the Interior (hereafter in this Act referred to as the Secretary), and other personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, including temporary services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (Public Law 600), but at rates for individuals not in excess of \$35 per diem, \$1,103,000: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used for the broadcast of radio programs designed or calculated to influence the passage or defeat of any legislation pending before the Congress: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$50,000 of this appropriation may be used for the Division of Power under the Office of the Secretary: *Provided further*, That not to exceed \$42,500 of this appropriation may be used for the Division of Information or for publicity and public relations activities.

60 Stat. 810.
5 U. S. C. § 55a.

Radio broadcasts respecting legislation.

Division of Power.

Division of Information.

Ante, p. 245; *post*, p. 620.

WAR AGENCY LIQUIDATION

War Agency Liquidation: For expenses necessary for liquidating the Solid Fuels Administration for War provided for in Executive Order 9332, including personal services in the District of Columbia; and printing and binding; \$60,000.

50 U. S. C. app. § 601 note.

OFFICE OF SOLICITOR

For personal services in the District of Columbia and in the field, \$215,460.

DIVISION OF TERRITORIES AND ISLAND POSSESSIONS

For personal services in the District of Columbia, \$140,000.

OIL AND GAS DIVISION

Oil and Gas Division: For expenses necessary for coordinating and unifying policies and administration of Federal activities relative to oil, gas, and synthetic fuels, including cooperation with the petroleum industry and State authorities in the production, processing, and utilization of petroleum and petroleum products, natural gas, and

July 25, 1947
[H. R. 3123]
[Public Law 247]

Interior Department Appropriation Act, 1948.
Ante, pp. 118, 187, 188, 245, 361; *post*, pp. 608, 609, 620, 621, 699, 943.