

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.

[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.

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

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.