

or under the auspices of benevolent or fraternal societies or orders or trades unions, or by strictly professional, literary, historical, or scientific societies,";

(3) by inserting "churches and church organizations," immediately after "whether such matter pertains to such benevolent or fraternal societies or orders, trades unions, strictly professional, literary, historical, or scientific societies,";

(4) by inserting "churches and church organizations," immediately after "to further the objects and purposes of such benevolent or fraternal societies or orders, trades unions,"; and

(5) by inserting "or by churches and church organizations" immediately after "circulation through the mails of periodical publications issued by, or under the auspices of, benevolent or fraternal societies or orders, or trades unions, or by strictly professional, literary, historical, or scientific societies,".

Effective date.

SEC. 2. The amendments made by the first section of this Act shall take effect on the first day of the second calendar month following the date of enactment of this Act.

Approved July 26, 1955.

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CHAPTER 379

AN ACT

July 26, 1955
[S. 1464]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain rights-of-way and timber access roads.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior may acquire rights-of-way and existing connecting roads adjacent to public lands whenever he determines that such acquisition is needed to provide a suitable and adequate system of timber access roads to public lands under his jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of this Act, the term "public lands" includes the Revested Oregon and California Railroad and the Reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Lands in Oregon.

Approved July 26, 1955.

Public Law 172

CHAPTER 380

AN ACT

July 26, 1955
[H. R. 6419]

To redefine the terms "stepchild" and "stepparent" for the purposes of the Servicemen's Indemnity Act of 1951, as amended.

Servicemen's indemnity.
65 Stat. 34.

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 3 of the Servicemen's Indemnity Act of 1951 (38 U. S. C. 852) is hereby amended (1) by deleting therefrom the words "including a stepchild, adopted child, or an illegitimate child if the latter was designated as beneficiary by the insured" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "including a stepchild if designated as beneficiary by the insured or if a member of the insured's household, adopted child, or an illegitimate child if the latter was designated as beneficiary by the insured", and (2) by deleting therefrom the words "including a stepparent, parent by adoption, or person who stood in loco parentis