

Proviso.
Title to be secured.

Administration, etc.,
under National Park
Service.

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No valid claim, etc.,
affected.

Proviso.
Exchange of alienated
lands in, and Zion
Park, for other lands.

veyed sections 1, 12, and 13, township 37 south, range 4, all west of the Salt Lake meridian, in the State of Utah: *Provided*, That all the land within the exterior boundaries of the aforesaid tract shall first become the property of the United States.

SEC. 2. That the administration, protection, and promotion of said Utah National Park shall be exercised under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior by the National Park Service, subject to the provisions of the Act of August 25, 1916, entitled "An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes."

SEC. 3. That nothing herein contained shall affect any valid existing claim, location, or entry under the land laws of the United States, whether for homestead, mineral, right of way, or any other purpose whatsoever, or shall affect the rights of any such claimant, locator, or entryman to the full use and enjoyment of his land: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to exchange, in his discretion, alienated lands in this and Zion National Park for unappropriated and unreserved public lands of equal value and approximately equal area in the State of Utah outside of said parks.

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[S. 697.]

[Public, No. 228.]

Public lands.
Disposal of errone-
ously surveyed, in
Michigan.

Preference to adja-
cent owners.

State swamp land se-
lection.

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Proviso.
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fected.

Regulations.

CHAP. 306.—An Act Providing for the disposal of certain lands on Crooked and Pickerel Lakes, Michigan, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon the survey of any public lands erroneously omitted from the original survey found to exist within the area heretofore surveyed and represented upon the official plat of township 35 north, range 4 west, Michigan meridian, Michigan, approved February 9, 1841, on file in the General Land Office as a meandered lake, and said lake now appearing as two lakes, locally known as Crooked Lake and Pickerel Lake, in sections 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29, the owners of adjacent lands shall have a preference right to purchase such lands so surveyed for a period of ninety days after the filing of the approved plat of such survey in the United States land office at Marquette, Michigan, to be appraised at not less than \$1.25 per acre, and that the State of Michigan be allowed to select such of the lands as may have inured to the State under the Act of September 28, 1850 (Ninth Statutes at Large, page 519): *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall have the effect of defeating the rights of any person or the State of Michigan which may have attached to such lands or any part thereof.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make all necessary regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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June 7, 1924.

[S. 699.]

[Public, No. 229.]

Medicine Bow Na-
tional Forest, Wyo.
Lands added to.

CHAP. 307.—An Act Authorizing the addition of certain lands to the Medicine Bow National Forest, Wyoming, 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 President, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior, is hereby authorized to add to the Medicine Bow National Forest the public lands within townships 14 and 15 north, range 77 west, sixth principal meridian, State of Wyoming, which may be determined to be chiefly valuable for national forest

purposes, and to designate as a game refuge within such national forest the areas which may be determined to be suitable for the protection and propagation of game animals and birds.

Designation of game and bird refuge on.

SEC. 2. That it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, pursue, kill, capture, or molest any game animal or any bird within such designated refuge except in accordance with rules and regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Hunting, etc., within, unlawful.

SEC. 3. That the provisions of this Act shall not affect any valid existing claim, location, or entry under the land laws of the United States, whether for homestead, mineral, right of way, or any other purpose, nor the rights of any claimant, locator, or entryman to the full use and enjoyment of such land.

Existing entries, etc., not affected.

SEC. 4. That any person who violates any provision of this Act or of any rule or regulation promulgated hereunder shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

Punishment for violating provisions, etc.

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CHAP. 308.—An Act To confer jurisdiction upon the United States District Court, Northern District of California, to adjudicate the claims of American citizens.

June 7, 1924.

[S. 1192.]

[Public, No. 230.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction be, and it is hereby, conferred upon the United States District Court, Northern District of California, to hear and determine the claims of American citizens, their heirs and legal representatives, for damages or loss occasioned by or resulting from the seizure, detention, sale, or interference with their voyage by the United States of vessels charged with unlawful sealing in the Bering Sea and water contiguous thereto and outside of the three-mile limit during the years 1886 to 1896, inclusive, and to enter judgment therefor.

Bering Sea seal fishing.

Claims of Americans for damages for unlawful seizures of vessels, etc., 1886-1896, to be adjudicated.

SEC. 2. That all American citizens whose rights were affected by said seizure, detention, sale, or interference specifically referred to in section 1 hereof during the years 1886 to 1896, inclusive, may submit to the United States District Court in and for the Northern District of California their claims thereunder, and the court shall render judgment thereon.

Submission to California northern district court.

Authority of court.

SEC. 3. That claims not presented within two years from the passage of this Act shall hereafter be forever debarred.

Time limit.

Approved, June 7, 1924.

CHAP. 309.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act authorizing an appropriation to meet proportionate expenses of providing a drainage system for Piute Indian lands in the State of Nevada within the Newlands reclamation project of the Reclamation Service," approved February 14, 1923.

June 7, 1924.

[S. 1203.]

[Public, No. 231.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act authorizing an appropriation to meet proportionate expenses of providing a drainage system for Piute Indian lands in the State of Nevada within the Newlands reclamation project of the Reclamation Service," approved February 14, 1923, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Piute Indians, Nevada.
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"That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$49,603.05, payable in twenty annual installments of \$2,500 each, except the last, which shall be the amount remaining unpaid, for the

Amount authorized for drainage of lands of, in Newlands reclamation project.