

of officers and civilian employees as may be authorized by the Secretary of the Navy.

Approved, June 24, 1926.

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[S. 4344.]
[Public, No. 423.]

CHAP. 669.—An Act To provide for the permanent withdrawal of Memaloose Island in the Columbia River for the use of the Yakima Indians and Confederated Tribes as a burial ground.

Memaloose Island,
Oreg.
Withdrawn for a
burial ground of Yaki-
ma, etc., Indians,
Wash.

Proviso.
Grave, etc., of Victor
Trevitt to be undis-
turbed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Memaloose Island in the Columbia River, described as lot 2 of section 16, township 2 north, range 14 east of the Willamette meridian in Oregon, be, and is hereby, withdrawn from entry, sale, or other disposition and set aside for the use of the Yakima Indians and Confederated Tribes as a burial ground: *Provided*, That the grave and monument of Victor Trevitt on said island shall remain undisturbed.

Approved, June 24, 1926.

June 25, 1926.
[S. 1821.]
[Public, No. 424.]

CHAP. 674.—An Act Authorizing investigations by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce jointly to determine the location, extent, and mode of occurrence of potash deposits in the United States, and to conduct laboratory tests.

Potash deposits.
Amount authorized
for determining loca-
tion, etc., of.
Post, pp. 1057, 1220.

Cooperation under
formal agreements with
individuals, etc.
Post, p. 1388.

Provisos.
Contracts with own-
ers, etc., of lands before
commencing drilling.

Conditions.

Payment of costs of
exploration.

No restriction on
drilling locations, etc.

Conditions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, and a similar amount for each succeeding fiscal year for four years, to be expended as may be mutually agreed upon by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce for the purpose of determining the location, extent, and mode of occurrence of potash deposits in the United States and conducting the necessary laboratory tests incident thereto.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce jointly are hereby authorized, within their discretion, to cooperate under formal agreement with individuals, associations, corporations, States, municipalities, educational institutions, or other bodies, for the purposes of this Act: *Provided*, That before undertaking drilling operations upon any tract or tracts of land the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce jointly, shall enter into a contract or contracts with the owners or lessees, or both, of the mineral rights therein, which contract shall provide, among other things, that not more than the actual cost of the exploration shall constitute a preferred claim in favor of the United States and its cooperators against any minerals developed; and the aforesaid contract or contracts shall provide that the owners or lessees, or both, of said lands and/or mineral rights within the radius hereinafter mentioned, shall pay to the Government and its cooperators an amount equal to the actual costs of said explorations, said payments to be made at such time or times, in such manner, and in such proportions as said Secretaries may, in their discretion, determine to be equitable: *Provided further*, That such contract shall not restrict the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce jointly in the choice of drilling locations within the property or in the conduct of the exploratory operations, so long as such selections or conduct do not interfere unreasonably with the use of the surface of the land or with the improvements thereon, and such contract shall provide that the United States and its cooperators shall not

be liable for damages on account of such reasonable use of the surface as may be necessary in the proper conduct of the work: *Provided further*, That before such drilling be commenced the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce jointly shall require the owners of land and/or mineral rights therein lying within a radius of not less than one mile of any proposed well, in consideration of the probable increase in value to such lands and/or mineral rights therein incident to any discovery of potash and in order to prevent profiteering, to enter into an agreement whereby the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce, jointly, are empowered to act as referees in determining the maximum price at which the potash rights in such lands can be sold, which covenant shall run with the lands and/or mineral rights therein: *And provided further*, That the owners of such potash rights, in consideration of the advantage accruing from an equitable price for such potash rights as effected by said Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Commerce, may be required to enter into an agreement whereby the potash produced from said lands shall be marketed at a price not in excess of a maximum determined by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce jointly as equitable.

Approved, June 25, 1926.

CHAP. 675.—An Act To transfer jurisdiction over the United States reservation numbered 248 from the Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction and control over United States reservation numbered 248, bounded by Potomac Avenue, First and O Streets, southeast, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, is hereby transferred from the Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia and the said commissioners are hereby authorized to erect thereon such permanent structures as may be required for municipal purposes, as appropriations may be made therefor.

Approved, June 25, 1926.

CHAP. 676.—An Act To increase the limit of cost of submarine tender numbered 3, and to authorize repairs and alterations to the United States ship S-48.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the limit of cost of submarine tender numbered 3, heretofore authorized, is increased from \$4,800,000 to \$5,000,000; and repairs and alterations to the United States ship S-48 are hereby authorized to cost not to exceed \$1,080,000.

Approved, June 25, 1926.

CHAP. 690.—An Act To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Pend d'Oreille River, at or near the Newport-Priest River Road crossing Washington and Idaho.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for

Agreement with owners of contiguous lands, to prevent profiteering, etc.

Conditions as to marketing price.

June 25, 1926.
[S. 1119.]

[Public, No. 425.]

District of Columbia.
Reservation No. 248,
transferred to the Commissioners for municipal purposes.

June 25, 1926.
[S. 4482.]

[Public, No. 426.]

Navy.
Limits of cost increased for designated vessels.

June 26, 1926.
[S. 4267.]

[Public, No. 427.]

Pend d'Oreille River.