

buildings (including quarters), fixtures, and fences; for cleaning, repair, and upkeep of grounds and roads; furniture and furnishings for offices and quarters, gas, chemicals, paints, and stationery, including transmission of public documents through the Smithsonian exchange, foreign postage; plants, seeds, and fertilizers; for fuel, oil, grease, pipe, wire, and other materials needed for the maintenance and repair of boilers, engines, heating apparatus, electric lighting and power, and water supply; purchase and maintenance of teams; maintenance, repair, and operation of motor trucks and passenger automobiles, and of horse-drawn vehicles; telegraph and telephone service; and other absolutely necessary expenses, \$25,000.

Miscellaneous supplies.

For the purchase and installation of equipment, utilities, and appurtenances for astrographic and research work and modernization of the astronomical plant of the Naval Observatory, as authorized by the Act approved June 11, 1930 (46 Stat., p. 556), \$110,000, to be available immediately.

Astronomical plant. Modernization, etc. Vol. 46, p. 556.

For preparation for and observation of total solar eclipse of August 31, 1932, \$4,000.

Observing solar eclipse.

SEC. 2. No part of any money appropriated by this Act shall be used for maintaining, driving, or operating any Government-owned motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicle not used exclusively for official purposes; and "official purposes" shall not include the transportation of officers and employees between their domiciles and places of employment except in cases of medical officers on out-patient medical service and except in cases of officers and employees engaged in field work the character of whose duties makes such transportation necessary and then only as to such latter cases when the same is approved by the head of the department. This section shall not apply to any motor vehicle for official use of the Secretary of the Navy, and no other persons connected with the Navy Department or the naval service, except the commander in chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, Marine Corps officers serving with expeditionary forces in foreign countries, and medical officers on out-patient medical service, shall have a Government-owned motor vehicle assigned for their exclusive use.

Government-owned automobiles. Restricted to official purposes.

Transportation between domicile and place of employment.

Exemptions.

SEC. 3. No part of any appropriation made by this Act shall be used to pay the actual expenses of subsistence in excess of \$6 each for any one calendar day or per diem allowance for subsistence in excess of the rate of \$5 for any one calendar day to any officer or employee of the United States in a travel status, and payment accordingly shall be in full, notwithstanding any other statutory provision.

Subsistence restriction.

Approved, June 30, 1932.

[CHAPTER 319.]

AN ACT

To authorize extensions of time on oil and gas prospecting permits, and for other purposes.

June 30, 1932.  
[H. R. 11639.]  
[Public, No. 217.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any oil or gas prospecting permit issued under the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437), or extended under the Act of January 11, 1922 (42 Stat. 356), or as further extended under the Acts of April 5, 1926 (44 Stat. 236), March 9, 1928 (45 Stat. 252), and the Act of January 23, 1930 (46 Stat. 58), may be extended by the Secretary of the Interior for an additional period of three years in his discretion, on such conditions as he may prescribe.

Oil and gas prospecting permits. Extensions of time on, authorized. Vol. 41, p. 437; Vol. 42, p. 356; Vol. 44, p. 236; Vol. 45, p. 252; Vol. 46, p. 58.

Expired permits.

SEC. 2. Upon application to the Secretary of the Interior, and subject to valid intervening rights and to the provisions of section 1 of this Act, any permit which has already expired because of lack of authority under existing law to make further extensions may be extended for a period of three years from the date of the passage of this Act.

Approved June 30, 1932.

## [CHAPTER 320.]

## AN ACT

June 30, 1932.  
[S. 4525.]  
[Public, No. 218.]

Providing for the transfer of the duties authorized and authority conferred by law upon the board of road commissioners in the Territory of Alaska to the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes.

Alaska.  
Duties and authority  
of road commissioners  
in, transferred to In-  
terior Department.

Vol. 33, p. 616; Vol.  
34, p. 192.  
Post, p. 854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after the passage of this Act the duties authorized and authority conferred by law upon the board of road commissioners in the Territory of Alaska, and upon the Secretary of War, as provided for in the Act of January 27, 1905 (ch. 277, sec. 2, 33 Stat. 616), as amended by the Act of May 14, 1906 (ch. 2458, sec. 2, 34 Stat. 192), and Acts supplemental thereto, and amendatory thereof, are hereby transferred to the Department of the Interior, and shall hereafter be administered by the Secretary of the Interior, or under his direction, by such officer, or officers, as may be designated by him.

Execution of laws.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior shall execute or cause to be executed all laws pertaining to the construction and maintenance of roads and trails and other works in Alaska, heretofore administered by said board of road commissioners under the direction of the Secretary of War; and all appropriations heretofore made, and now available, or that hereafter may be made, for expenditure by said board for meeting the cost of such work in the Territory of Alaska, are hereby transferred to the Secretary of the Interior, to be thereafter administered in accordance with the provisions of this Act; and the said board is directed to turn over to the Secretary of the Interior all equipment, materials, supplies, papers, maps, and documents, or other property utilized in the exercise of such powers, for the use of the said Secretary in the administration of the construction and maintenance of roads, tramways, ferries, bridges, and trails, and other works in the Territory of Alaska, heretofore administered by said board.

Transfer of appropriations.

Equipment, materials, etc.

Administration.

SEC. 3. That with the approval of the President, the Secretary of the Interior shall have power, by order or regulation, to distribute the duties and authority hereby transferred, and appropriations pertaining thereto, as he may deem proper to accomplish a more economical and effective organization thereof, and to make rules and regulations governing the use of roads, trails, and other works, including the fixing and collection of tolls where deemed necessary and advisable in the public interest.

Estimates of appropriations.

SEC. 4. That all estimates of appropriations for the construction and maintenance of roads and trails and other works, as heretofore submitted by the Secretary of War, shall hereafter be submitted by the Secretary of the Interior.

Approved, June 30, 1932.