

Cost limitation.

Federal reclamation laws, in the construction of small storage reservoirs at such locations within the States subject to the Federal reclamation laws, as the said Secretary may select, no reservoir to be constructed hereunder the estimated cost of which exceeds \$50,000.

Approved, August 26, 1937.

[CHAPTER 828]

AN ACT

August 26, 1937
[H. R. 4277]
[Public, No. 388]

To provide for the extension of certain prospecting permits, and for other purposes.

General Leasing Act, amendments.
Prospecting permits, extension of certain, under prescribed conditions.
41 Stat. 437; 49 Stat. 674.
30 U. S. C. §§ 181-287; Supp. II, § 221.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That oil and gas prospecting permits issued under authority of an Act entitled "An Act to promote the mining of coal, phosphate, oil, oil shale¹ gas, and sodium on the public domain", approved February 25, 1920, as amended, outstanding on December 31, 1937, (a) which have been committed in whole or in part to a cooperative or unit plan of development and operation that on December 31, 1937, has been approved or prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, or is in process of revision or reconsideration pursuant to prior review, without rejection, in the Department of the Interior; or (b) which, together with one or more other permits, have been committed in whole or in part to a cooperative or unit plan of development and operation for the whole of any single oil or gas pool or field (or reasonably compact area) that was filed before January 1, 1937, and rejected pursuant to instructions of said Secretary; or (c) under which approved drilling was actively in progress at some time within the calendar year 1937; or (d) under which at least one well shall have been drilled to a depth of not less than two thousand feet subsequent to August 21, 1935; or (e) which have been issued subsequent to August 21, 1935, and for which timely compliance has been made with the drilling requirements of section 13 of said Act of February 25, 1920, to the extent required by December 31, 1937, or, in the absence of such timely drilling, for which an acceptable cooperative or unit plan of development and operation has been filed on or before said date are all hereby extended to December 31, 1939, the provisions of any other Act or Acts to the contrary notwithstanding, subject, however, to the applicable conditions of the permits and of unfulfilled conditions of any prior extensions. All oil and gas prospecting permits shall cease and terminate without notice of cancellation on the final date of their current term, including any extension herein granted, and no extension of any permit beyond December 31, 1939, shall be granted under the authority of this Act or any other Act.

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41 Stat. 441.

Termination.

[CHAPTER 829]

AN ACT

August 26, 1937
[H. R. 4402]
[Public, No. 389]

To continue in effect a certain lease for the quarters of the post office at Grover, North Carolina, and for other purposes.

Grover, N. C., post office.
Lease for quarters continued.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the lease for the quarters of the post office at Grover, North Carolina, pursuant to which rent was paid prior to the relegation, on July 1, 1934, of such post office to a post office of the fourth class, shall not be held or considered to have terminated or to terminate by reason of the provisions of the Act of May 24, 1928, entitled "An Act granting allowances for rent, fuel, light, and equipment to postmasters of the fourth class,

45 Stat. 724.
39 U. S. C. § 60a.

¹ So in original.

and for other purposes" (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 39, sec. 60a), but beginning as of July 1, 1934, rent for such quarters shall be paid in accordance with the terms of such lease, out of the unexpended balances of the appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, for rent, light, and fuel for post offices of the first, second, and third classes, after deducting from the amount of such rent payable any amounts that may have been paid by the postmaster to the owner of the building for the period that the office was in the fourth class.

Approved, August 26, 1937.

[CHAPTER 830]

AN ACT

To fulfill certain treaty obligations with respect to water levels of the Lake of the Woods.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is authorized and directed to pay the claims for damages against the United States arising out of the fluctuations of the water levels of the Lake of the Woods as ascertained by him under authority of section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to carry into effect provisions of the convention between the United States and Great Britain to regulate the level of Lake of the Woods concluded on the 24th day of February 1925", approved May 22, 1926, as amended. The amount paid with respect to each claim shall be the amount of award set forth in the letter of the Secretary of War of February 16, 1931 (House Document Numbered 774, Seventy-first Congress, third session), and the letter of the Secretary of War of December 8, 1931 (House Document Numbered 133, Seventy-second Congress, first session). Such sums shall be paid to the claimant, or, in case the claimant is dead or insane, to the legal representative of the claimant. The Secretary of War is authorized and directed to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the purpose of establishing the identity of claimants or their assignees or representatives, and his determination thereof shall be final. Payment by the Secretary of War shall be in full settlement of all claims for damages cognizable under section 3 of such Act of May 22, 1926, as amended. If with diligent effort the Secretary of War has been unable to pay any such claim within three years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the amount of such claim shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

SEC. 2. There is authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$73,270.97 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Approved, August 26, 1937.

[CHAPTER 831]

AN ACT

To amend section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide a civil government for Puerto Rico, and for other purposes", increasing borrowing margin of municipality of Mayaguez.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide a civil government for Puerto Rico, and for other purposes", approved March 2, 1917, as amended, be amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. That no export duties shall be levied or collected on exports from Puerto Rico, but taxes and assessments on property, income taxes, internal revenue, and license fees, and royalties for

49 Stat. 1852.

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[H. R. 6338]
[Public, No. 390]

Lake of the Woods.
Payment of damage
claims due to fluctua-
tion of water levels.

44 Stat. 617, 2108.

Amount of award.

Rules to be pre-
scribed.

Payment in full set-
tlement, etc.

Unclaimed awards.

Amount authorized.

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[H. R. 6747]
[Public, No. 391]

Puerto Rico, civil
government.
39 Stat. 953.
48 U. S. C. §§ 741,
741a, 745; Supp. II,
§§ 745a, b.

Revenues.
Export duties for-
bidden; property and
general taxes, etc.