

or nations, or any lands now or hereafter owned, subject to restrictions against alienation, by individual Indians or Indian tribes, communities, bands, or nations, including the lands belonging to the Pueblo Indians in New Mexico, and any other lands heretofore or hereafter acquired or set aside for the use and benefit of the Indians.

SEC. 2. No grant of a right-of-way over and across any lands belonging to a tribe organized under the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended; the Act of May 1, 1936 (49 Stat. 1250); or the Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967), shall be made without the consent of the proper tribal officials. Rights-of-way over and across lands of individual Indians may be granted without the consent of the individual Indian owners if (1) the land is owned by more than one person, and the owners or owner of a majority of the interests therein consent to the grant; (2) the whereabouts of the owner of the land or an interest therein are unknown, and the owners or owner of any interests therein whose whereabouts are known, or a majority thereof, consent to the grant; (3) the heirs or devisees of a deceased owner of the land or an interest therein have not been determined, and the Secretary of the Interior finds that the grant will cause no substantial injury to the land or any owner thereof; or (4) the owners of interests in the land are so numerous that the Secretary finds it would be impracticable to obtain their consent, and also finds that the grant will cause no substantial injury to the land or any owner thereof.

SEC. 3. No grant of a right-of-way shall be made without the payment of such compensation as the Secretary of the Interior shall determine to be just. The compensation received on behalf of the Indian owners shall be disposed of under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 4. This Act shall not in any manner amend or repeal the provisions of the Federal Water Power Act of June 10, 1920 (41 Stat. 1063), as amended by the Act of August 26, 1935 (49 Stat. 838), nor shall any existing statutory authority empowering the Secretary of the Interior to grant rights-of-way over Indian lands be repealed hereby.

SEC. 5. Rights-of-way for the use of the United States may be granted under this Act upon application by the department or agency having jurisdiction over the activity for which the right-of-way is to be used.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to prescribe any necessary regulations for the purpose of administering the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. This Act shall not become operative until thirty days after its approval.

Approved February 5, 1948.

[CHAPTER 46]

AN ACT

To provide for the granting of certificates of competency to certain members of the Osage Indian Tribe in Oklahoma, 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 Secretary of the Interior shall issue a certificate of competency to each member of the Osage Tribe of less than one-half Indian blood heretofore or hereafter attaining the age of twenty-one years; and shall thereupon pay and deliver to such member, or to his legal guardian if such member has been declared incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction, all money, property, and funds theretofore accrued or here-

25 U. S. C. §§ 461-479.
25 U. S. C. § 473a;
48 U. S. C. § 368a.
25 U. S. C. §§ 501-509; Supp. I, § 502.
Post, p. 991.
Grants without owners' consent.

Compensation.

16 U. S. C. §§ 792-826; Supp. I, § 809 note.
Post, p. 275.

Rights-of-way for use of U. S.

Regulations.

Effective date.

February 5, 1948
[H. R. 3326]
[Public Law 408]

Osage Indian Tribe.
Certificates of competency.

after accruing to the individual credit of such member; and all payments to the legal guardian of such member may be expended without the approval of the superintendent of the Osage Agency: *Provided*, That all restrictions against alienation of the property of every kind and character, except headright shares or interests in the Osage tribal mineral estate, of members of the Osage Tribe who now have, or may hereafter receive, a certificate of competency, are hereby removed.

Approved February 5, 1948.

Removal of restrictions.

[CHAPTER 48]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of June 28, 1935, entitled "An Act to authorize participation by the United States in the Interparliamentary Union".

February 6, 1948
[S. 1005]
[Public Law 409]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1, the Act of June 28, 1935 (49 Stat. 425; 22 U. S. C. 276), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Interparliamentary Union.

"An appropriation of \$30,000 annually is hereby authorized, \$15,000 of which shall be for the annual contribution of the United States toward the maintenance of the Bureau of the Interparliamentary Union for the promotion of international arbitration; and \$15,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to assist in meeting the expenses of the American group of the Interparliamentary Union for each fiscal year for which an appropriation is made, such appropriation to be disbursed on vouchers to be approved by the President and the executive secretary of the American group."

Appropriation authorized.
Post, p. 308.

Approved February 6, 1948.

[CHAPTER 51]

AN ACT

Making it a petty offense to enter any national-forest land while it is closed to the public.

February 10, 1948
[H. R. 1826]
[Public Law 410]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whoever, without lawful authority or permission, shall go upon any national-forest land while it is closed to the public by or under authority of a regulation of the Secretary of Agriculture made pursuant to law shall be fined not more than \$500, or imprisoned without hard labor not more than six months, or both: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be construed to limit the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture under other law to otherwise provide for regulating the occupancy and use of national-forest lands and lands administered by the Forest Service.

National-forest land.
Unlawful entry.

Approved February 10, 1948.

[CHAPTER 52]

AN ACT

To provide increased subsistence allowance to veterans pursuing certain courses under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended, and for other purposes.

February 14, 1948
[S. 1394]
[Public Law 411]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of paragraph 6 of part VIII of Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, as precedes the proviso, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Veterans' subsistence allowances.
58 Stat. 289.
38 U. S. C., Supp. I, note foll. § 733.
Post, p. 208.