

Public Law 213

CHAPTER 496

August 3, 1955
[H. R. 605]

AN ACT

To provide for the abolition of the eighty-rod reserved spaces between claims on shore waters in Alaska, and for other purposes.

Alaska.
Shore-water
claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act of May 14, 1898 (30 Stat. 409), as amended by the Act of March 3, 1903 (32 Stat. 1028; 48 U. S. C., 1952 edition, sec. 371), is amended by striking out the following language: "*And provided further*, That no location of scrip, selection, or right along any navigable or other waters shall be made within the distance of eighty rods of any lands, along such waters, theretofore located by means of any such scrip or otherwise;" and "and along such shore a space of at least eighty rods shall be reserved from entry between all such claims;"

SEC. 2. Section 10 of the Act of May 14, 1898 (30 Stat. 413; 48 U. S. C., 1952 edition, sec. 462), is amended by striking out the following language: "*Provided further*, That there shall be reserved by the United States a space of eighty rods in width between tracts sold or entered under the provisions of this Act on lands abutting on any navigable stream, inlet, gulf, bay, or seashore, and that the Secretary of the Interior may grant the use of such reserve lands abutting on the waterfront to any citizen or association of citizens, or to any corporation incorporated under the laws of the United States or under the laws of any State or Territory, for landings, and wharves, with the provision that the public shall have access to and proper use of such wharves, and landings, at reasonable rates of toll to be prescribed by said Secretary, and a roadway sixty feet in width, parallel to the shore line as near as may be practicable, shall be reserved for the use of the public as a highway;"

SEC. 3. The Act of June 5, 1920 (41 Stat. 1059; 48 U. S. C., 1952 edition, sec. 372), is amended by striking out the following language: "reserve from sale and entry a space of at least eighty rods in width between tracts sold or entered under the provisions thereof along the shore of any navigable water, and", and by also striking out the following language: "restore to entry and disposition such reserved spaces and may".

Restoration of
lands from reser-
vation.

SEC. 4. All lands restored from reservation by this Act shall be restored to all forms of appropriation under the public land laws applicable to the Territory of Alaska, but a restoration from reservation by this Act shall not be construed as a revocation of an order of withdrawal within the meaning of section 4 of the Act of September 27, 1944 (58 Stat. 748), as amended (43 U. S. C., 1952 edition, sec. 282).

Conveyances.

SEC. 5. All conveyances of lands opened for sale, entry, or settlement under this Act shall be subject to (a) grants heretofore made by the Secretary of the Interior for the use of reserved lands abutting on the waterfront to any citizen or association of citizens, or to any corporation incorporated under the laws of the United States or under the laws of any State or Territory, for landings, and wharves, as provided by section 10 of the Act of May 14, 1898 (30 Stat. 409; 48 U. S. C., 1952 edition, sec. 462), with an easement for not more than a one hundred-foot right-of-way for an access road to such wharves and landings, and (b) reservations made by the Secretary of the Interior for the use of the natives of Alaska of tracts of land along the waterfront of any stream, inlet, bay, or seashore for landing places for canoes and other craft used by the natives, as provided by said section 10 (30 Stat. 409; 48 U. S. C., 1952 edition, sec. 464), together

with necessary right-of-way for access to such natives to such landing places: *Provided*, That any such reserve or grant for use for landings, wharves, or landing places which are no longer being used may upon proper evidence of nonuse be revoked and abrogated and conveyances under this Act made free and clear thereof.

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Public Law 214

CHAPTER 497

AN ACT

To authorize an investigation and report on the advisability of a national monument in Brooklyn, New York.

August 3, 1955
[H. R. 473]

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 is hereby authorized and directed to make an investigation and report thereon to the Congress within one year following the appropriation of funds to the Department of the Interior for the purposes of this Act, with respect to the advisability of establishing a national monument in Brooklyn, New York, in honor of two hundred and fifty-six Maryland heroes who fell in combat during the Battle of Brooklyn on the 27th day of August 1776. The report to the Congress shall include information regarding the following:

Brooklyn, N. Y.
monument.
Report, etc., to
Congress.

- (1) National historical importance of such a memorial;
- (2) Nature of burial site, identity of exact site of burial, size and present-day conditions of site, including improvements thereon;
- (3) Complete cost for the establishment of such memorial;
- (4) Cost of maintenance of such a memorial and amount thereof that will be paid for by the city of New York and/or the State of New York; and
- (5) Recommendations.

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Public Law 215

CHAPTER 498

AN ACT

To provide for the management and disposition of certain public domain lands in the State of Oklahoma.

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[H. R. 4001]

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 is authorized to provide, in accordance with the terms of this Act, for the management and disposition of any interest of the United States in those lands which were reconveyed to the United States by deeds of conveyance executed on November 29, 1950, by the principal chief of the Choctaw Nation and the governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or which have been, or may be, reconveyed to the United States by any further and supplemental conveyances made under the authority of the Interior Department Appropriation Act of June 28, 1944 (58 Stat. 463, 483), the joint resolution of June 24, 1948 (62 Stat. 596), and the First Deficiency Appropriation Act of May 24, 1949 (63 Stat. 76, 84).

Oklahoma.
Management and
disposition of In-
dian lands.

SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary of the Interior, in order to facilitate the administration and management of the lands, to remove any clouds on the titles of any persons to interests in such lands, or to establish definite boundaries for such lands, may (1) sell any tract of the lands at public sale to the highest responsible bidder, or at private sale; or