CHAP. 210.—An Act To authorize the leasing for oil and gas mining purposes of unallotted lands on Indian reservations affected by the proviso to section 3 of the Act of February 28, 1891.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That unallotted land on Indian reservations other than lands of the Five Civilized Tribes and the Osage Reservation subject to lease for mining purposes for a period of ten years under the proviso to section 3 of the Act of February 28, 1891 (Twenty-sixth Statutes at Large, page 795), may be leased at public auction by the Secretary of the Interior, with the consent of the council speaking for such Indians, for oil and gas mining purposes for a period of not to exceed ten years, and as much longer thereafter as oil or gas shall be found in paying quantities, and the terms of any existing oil and gas mining lease may in like manner be amended by extending the term thereof for as long as oil or gas shall be found in paying quantities: Provided, That the production of oil and gas and other minerals on such lands may be taxed by the State in which said lands are located in all respects the same as production on unrestricted lands, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be paid the tax so assessed against the royalty interests on said lands: Provided, however, That such tax shall not become a lien or charge of any kind or character against the land or the property of the Indian owner.

Approved, May 29, 1924.

CHAP. 211.—An Act To detach Reagan County, in the State of Texas, from the El Paso division of the western judicial district of Texas and attach said county to the San Angelo division of the northern judicial district of said State.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Reagan County, in the State of Texas, be, and the same is hereby, detached from the El Paso division of the western judicial district of Texas and attached to and made a part of the San Angelo division of the northern judicial district of said State.

SEC. 2. That all process against persons resident in said county of Reagan and cognizable before the United States district court shall be issued out of and made returnable to said court at San Angelo, and that all prosecutions against persons for offenses committed in said county of Reagan shall be tried in said court at San Angelo: Provided, That no civil or criminal cause begun and pending prior to the passage of this Act shall be in any way affected by it.

Approved, May 29, 1924.

CHAP. 212.—Joint Resolution Authorizing and permitting the State of Arkansas to construct, maintain, and use permanent buildings, rifle ranges, and utilities at Camp Pike, Arkansas, as are necessary for the use and benefit of the National Guard of the State of Arkansas.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to permit the State of Arkansas to erect, maintain, and use such permanent buildings, rifle ranges, and utilities at Camp Pike, Arkansas, within the areas most suitable, as are necessary for the use and benefit of the National Guard of the State of Arkansas: Provided, That no expense shall accrue to the United States by reason of this authorization.

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