

## [CHAPTER 52.]

## AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue patents for lands held under color of title.

February 23, 1932.  
[S. 1588.]  
[Public, No. 39.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That whenever it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior that a tract or tracts of public land, contiguous to a Spanish or Mexican land grant, in the State of New Mexico, not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred and sixty acres, has or have been held in good faith and in peaceful, adverse possession by a citizen of the United States, his ancestors or grantors, for more than twenty years under claim or color of title, and that valuable improvements have been placed on such land, or some part thereof has been reduced to cultivation, the Secretary may, in his discretion, upon the payment of \$1.25 per acre, cause a patent or patents to issue for such land to any such citizen: *Provided*, That where the area or areas so held by any such citizen is in excess of one hundred and sixty acres the Secretary may determine what particular subdivisions, not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres in the aggregate, to any such citizen may be patented hereunder: *Provided further*, That coal and all other minerals contained therein are hereby reserved to the United States; that said coal and other minerals shall be subject to sale or disposal by the United States under applicable leasing and mineral land laws, and permittees, lessees, or grantees of the United States shall have the right to enter upon said lands for the purpose of prospecting for and mining such deposits: *Provided further*, That the term "citizen," as used herein, shall be held to include a corporation organized under the laws of the United States or any State or Territory thereof.

New Mexico.  
Patent may issue for certain public land in, held under color of title.

Fee.

*Provisos.*  
Patent if holding in excess of limitation.

Reservation of mineral rights.

Citizen construed.

Approved, February 23, 1932.

## [CHAPTER 53.]

## AN ACT

Authorizing the William Robert Smith Memorial Association of El Paso, Texas, to construct a memorial in honor of William Robert Smith, former Member of Congress from the sixteenth district of Texas.

February 23, 1932.  
[S. 2286.]  
[Public, No. 40.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the William Robert Smith Memorial Association of El Paso, Texas, be, and it is hereby, authorized to construct without cost to the United States a memorial tablet at or near the site of Elephant Butte Dam, New Mexico, in honor of the work of William Robert Smith, former Member of Congress from the sixteenth district of Texas, in behalf of the Elephant Butte project and of irrigation in the Southwest.

William Robert Smith Memorial Association, El Paso, Tex.  
Erection of tablet at Elephant Butte Dam, N. Mex., by, authorized.

Approved, February 23, 1932.

## [CHAPTER 54.]

## AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the Catawissa Railroad Company to reconstruct, maintain, and operate a railroad bridge across the Susquehanna River at or near Catawissa, Pennsylvania.

February 23, 1932.  
[H. R. 81.]  
[Public, No. 41.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Catawissa Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, to reconstruct, maintain, and operate a railroad bridge and approaches thereto across the Susquehanna

Susquehanna River.  
Catawissa Railroad Company may bridge, at Rupert Station, Pa.