[CHAPTER 151]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of March 2, 1929 (45 Stat. 1492), entitled "An Act to establish load lines for American vessels, and for other purposes."

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 March 2, 1929 (45 Stat. 1492; U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, sec. 85), entitled "An Act to establish load lines for American vessels, and for other purposes", is amended to read as follows:

"Load lines are hereby established for the following vessels:

(a) Merchant vessels of one hundred and fifty gross tons or over, loading at or proceeding to sea from any port or place within the United States or its possessions for a foreign voyage by sea, the Great Lakes excepted.

(b) Merchant vessels of the United States of one hundred and fifty gross tons or over, loading at or proceeding to sea from any foreign port or place for a voyage by sea, the Great Lakes excepted.

(c) This Act shall not apply to merchant vessels that are being towed and which are carrying neither cargo nor passengers."

Sec. 2. That section 8 (c) of the Act of March 2, 1929 (45 Stat. 1494; U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, sec. 85g (c)), is amended to read as follows:

"If any person shall knowingly permit or cause or attempt to cause any vessel subject to this Act and to the regulations established thereunder to depart, or if, being the owner, manager, agent, or master of such vessel, he shall fail to take reasonable care to prevent her from departing from her loading port or place when loading in violation of section 4, or if any person shall knowingly permit or cause or attempt to cause a foreign vessel exempted pursuant to section 5 to depart, or if, being the owner, manager, agent, or master of such vessel, he shall fail to take reasonable care to prevent her from departing from her loading port or place when loaded more deeply than permitted by the laws and regulations of the country to which she belongs, he shall, in respect of each offense, be liable to the United States in a penalty of $500. The Secretary of Commerce may, in his discretion, remit or mitigate any penalty imposed under this paragraph."

Approved, May 26, 1939.

[CHAPTER 152]

AN ACT

To authorize the transfer to the State of Minnesota of the Fort Snelling Bridge at Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Be it enacted 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 quitclaim to the State of Minnesota the right, title, and interest of the United States in the Fort Snelling Bridge across the Mississippi River at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and the site of the bridge, approach, and abutment thereof in the county of Ramsey, acquired by the United States by decree of the United States district court dated May 23, 1908, recorded in the office of register of deeds for Ramsey County, Minnesota, in book 541 of deeds at page 193, including that certain easement on and across the right-of-way of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company in Hennepin County, acquired by decree dated October 6, 1909, recorded in the office of register of deeds for Hennepin County, Minnesota, in book 123 of miscellany, page 573, and an easement in lands forming the site of the abutment and bridge end on the Fort Snelling Military Reservation for so long as the bridge as now located, or as may be rebuilt or replaced with a new

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bridge, is maintained and used as a public bridge on said site: Provided, That the said conveyance shall be subject to the rights of those who contributed to the funds out of which said bridge was originally constructed as provided in the Act of Congress approved March 17, 1906 (34 Stat. 66), and also subject to the State of Minnesota keeping said bridge in repair for use as a public bridge and as a part of its trunk highway system until by mutual agreement between the State of Minnesota and the United States a new bridge shall be constructed reasonably near the site of the present bridge: Provided further, That the United States shall have the right to use the bridge or any new bridge which replaces it for the support of Government water mains and other utilities serving said reservation of the United States, and for all traffic to and from said reservation, free of tolls or other charges: And provided further, That the existing bridge shall be maintained and operated in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled “An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters”, approved March 23, 1906.

Approved, May 26, 1939.

[CHAPTER 153] AN ACT
Authorizing and directing the Secretary of War to execute an easement deed to the city of Duluth for park, recreational, and other public purposes covering certain federally owned lands.

Be it enacted 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 and empowered, under such terms and conditions as are deemed advisable by him, to grant to the city of Duluth, Minnesota, for park, recreational, and other public purposes, an easement for the use and occupation of that portion of lot 1 and all accretions or filled land adjacent thereto, including riparian rights, located in section 20, township 49 north, range 13 west, of the fourth principal meridian, county of Saint Louis, and State of Minnesota, not necessary for river and harbor purposes.

SEC. 2. Said foregoing-described property was temporarily withdrawn from settlement, location, sale, or entry, and reserved for the use of the War Department for river and harbor purposes by Executive order dated April 6, 1938.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, May 26, 1939.

[CHAPTER 154] AN ACT
To provide for the correction of the list of approved Pine Ridge lost allotment claims, 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 be, and he is hereby, authorized to correct the list of nine hundred and seventy-nine Pine Ridge Sioux lost allotment claims, approved December 18, 1936, under the Act of May 3, 1928 (45 Stat. 484), by eliminating certain names erroneously placed thereon and the substitution of others in lieu thereof: Provided, That the total number of approved claims shall not exceed nine hundred and seventy-nine: And provided further, That such part of the appropriation authorized by the Act of June 29, 1937 (50 Stat. 441), as would have been used to pay those to be eliminated shall be used to pay those to be substituted.

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