by deduction from any amount due from the United States, or by such other legal method of recovery as may be necessary.

Sec. 6. Except as otherwise permitted by this Act or by the laws relating to military personnel, only actual and necessary traveling expenses shall be allowed to any person holding employment or appointment under the United States.

Sec. 7. The fixing and payment under this Act of travel allowances and of advances and recovery thereof, and reimbursement of travel expenses under this Act, shall be in accordance with regulations which shall be promulgated by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

Sec. 8. This Act shall not be construed to modify or repeal any Act providing for the traveling expenses of the President of the United States or any Act providing for mileage allowances for the President of the Senate or Members of Congress.

Sec. 9. (a) The Subsistence Expense Act of 1926 and the Auto Mileage Act of February 14, 1931, are repealed. All Acts (other than appropriation items for examination of estimates in the field), applicable to civilian officers or employees of the departments and establishments, providing for reimbursement of actual travel or transportation expense, and all other Acts, general or special, which are inconsistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this Act (except such Acts or parts of Acts as fix or permit rates higher than the maximum rates established under this Act) are hereby modified, but only to the extent of inconsistency or conflict with the provisions of this Act: Provided, however, That Acts making appropriations for the fiscal years 1949 and 1950 (whether approved before or after the approval of this Act) which authorize or permit, in either general or specific terms, the payment of travel or transportation expenses without regard to the Subsistence Expense Act of 1926, as amended, or the Standardized Government Travel Regulations, shall be construed to authorize payment of such expenses from the appropriation concerned without regard to this Act.

(b) Wherever provision is made in any law for the payment of per diem allowances to officers and employees in any branch or establishment of the Government not covered by this Act, in accordance with the rates provided in the Subsistence Expense Act of 1926, such law is hereby amended to provide for payment at the rates prescribed in or under this Act.

Sec. 10. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1949.

Approved June 9, 1949.

[CHAPTER 187]

AN ACT

To provide for the settlement of claims of persons employed in Federal penal and correctional institutions for damage to or loss or destruction of personal property occurring incident to their service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Attorney General, and such other officer or officers as he may designate for such purpose, are hereby authorized to consider, determine, adjust, and pay claims, not exceeding in any case the sum of $1,000, of persons employed in Federal penal and correctional institutions for damage to or loss or destruction of personal property occurring incident to such employment. No claim shall be allowed under this Act unless (a) the property claimed to be damaged, lost, or destroyed is determined to be reasonable, useful, necessary, or proper under the attendant circumstances; (b) such damage, loss, or destruction shall
not have been caused in whole or in part by any negligence or wrongful act on the part of the claimant, his agent, or employee, and shall not have occurred at quarters occupied by the claimant which are not assigned to him or otherwise provided in kind by the Government; and (c) such claim shall have been presented in writing within one year after the occurrence of the accident or incident out of which such claim arises. Acceptance by any claimant of an award hereunder shall release the United States, its agents or employees, from any further claim by such claimant arising out of the same incident.

SEC. 2. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Approved June 10, 1949.

[CHAPTER 190]  
AN ACT  
To protect scenic values along and tributary to Aspen Basin Road, and contiguous scenic area, within the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico.  

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter mining locations made under mining laws of the United States within the following-described lands within the Santa Fe National Forest, Santa Fe, New Mexico: Sections 1, 2, 3, the northeast quarter of section 11 and the north half of section 12, in surveyed township 17 north, range 10 east; sections 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 36, and that portion of section 25, outside the boundaries of the Gabaldon Grant in surveyed township 18 north, range 10 east; three thousand eight hundred and forty acres, more or less, in unsurveyed township 18 north, range 11 east, expected to be legally described, when surveyed, as sections 7, 8, 18, 19, and 30, the northeast quarter of section 17, the west half of section 17 and the west half of section 20, township 18 north, range 11 east, New Mexico principal meridian, shall confer on the locator the right to occupy and use so much of the surface of the land covered by the location as may be reasonably necessary to carry on prospecting, mining, and beneficiation of ores including the taking of mineral deposits and timber required by or in the mining and ore reducing operations, and no permit shall be required or charge made for such use or occupancy: Provided, however, That the cutting and removal of timber, except where clearing is necessary in connection with mining operations or to provide space for buildings or structures used in connection with mining operations, shall be conducted in accordance with the rules for timber cutting on adjoining national-forest land, and no use of the surface of the claim or the resources therefrom not reasonably required for carrying on mining and prospecting shall be allowed except under the national-forest rules and regulations, nor shall the locator prevent or obstruct other occupancy of the surface or use of surface resources under authority of national-forest regulations, or permits issued thereunder, if such occupancy or use is not in conflict with mineral development.

SEC. 2. That hereafter all patents issued under the United States mining laws affecting lands within the above-described area shall convey title to the mineral deposits within the claim, together with the right to cut and remove so much of the mature timber therefrom as may be needed in extracting and removing and beneficiation of the mineral deposits, if the timber is cut under sound principles of forest management as defined by the national-forest rules and regulations, but each patent shall reserve to the United States all title in or to the surface of the lands and products thereof, and no use of the surface of the claim or the resources therefrom not reasonably required for carrying on mining or prospecting shall be allowed except under the rules and regulations of the Department of Agriculture.