CHAP. 155.—An Act To extend the time for the completion of the Alaska Anthracite Railroad Company, 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 time for the compliance of the Alaska Anthracite Railroad Company or its successors in interest or assigns with the provisions of sections 4 and 5 of chapter 295 of the laws of the United States, entitled “An Act extending the homestead laws and providing for the right of way for railroads in the District of Alaska, and for other purposes,” approved May 14, 1898, by locating and completing its railroad in Alaska is hereby extended—

First. Said company, its successors and assigns, shall have two years from date of the passage of this Act wherein to file final and permanent map of its Canyon Creek branch, and three years from date of the passage of this Act wherein to complete the construction of its main line of railroad and branches.

Second. Said company, its successors and assigns, shall be exempt from license tax during the period of construction of the railroad and for one year thereafter, provided that this exemption shall exist and operate only during the continuance of the construction of said road in good faith, and in the event of unnecessary delay and failure in the construction and completion of said road, the exemption from taxation herein provided shall cease, and said tax shall be collectible as to so much of said road as shall have been completed: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be held or construed to affect any now vested rights of other parties: And provided further, That the Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act.

Approved, April 17, 1926.

CHAP. 156.—An Act To authorize the leasing for mining purposes of land reserved for Indian agency and school 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 under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to lease at public auction upon not less than thirty days’ public notice for mining purposes land on any Indian reservation reserved for Indian agency or school purposes, in accordance with existing law applicable to other lands in such reservation, and the proceeds arising therefrom shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Indians for whose benefit the lands are reserved subject to appropriation by Congress for educational work among the Indians or in paying expenses of administration of agencies: Provided, That a royalty of at least one-eighth shall be reserved in all leases.

Approved, April 17, 1926.

CHAP. 157.—An Act Authorizing a survey for the control of excess flood waters of the Mississippi River below Point Breeze in Louisiana and on the Atchafalaya Outlet by the construction and maintenance of controlled and regulated spillway or spillways, 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 War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause a survey to be made, and estimates of the costs of such controlled and regulated spillway or spillways as may be necessary for the diversion and control of a sufficient volume of the excess...