CHAP. 215.—An Act To authorize the cancellation, under certain conditions, of patents in fee simple to Indians for allotments held in trust by the United States.

Be it enacted by the State and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to cancel any patent in fee simple issued to an Indian allottee or to his heirs before the end of the period of trust described in the original or trust patent issued to such allottee, or before the expiration of any extension of such period of trust by the President, where such patent in fee simple was issued without the consent or an application therefor by the allottee or by his heirs: Provided, That the patentee has not mortgaged or sold any part of the land described in such patent: Provided also, That upon cancellation of such patent in fee simple the land shall have the same status as though such fee patent had never been issued.

Approved, February 26, 1927.

CHAP. 216.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to compacts or agreements between the States of South Dakota and Wyoming with respect to the division and apportionment of the waters of the Belle Fourche and Cheyenne Rivers and other streams in which such States are jointly interested.

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 given to the States of South Dakota and Wyoming to negotiate and enter into compacts or agreements providing for an equitable division and apportionment between such States of the water supply of the Belle Fourche and Cheyenne Rivers and of the streams tributary thereto and of other streams in which such States are jointly interested.

Sec. 2. Such consent is given upon condition that a representative of the United States from the Department of the Interior, to be appointed by the President, shall participate in the negotiations and shall make report to Congress of the proceedings and of any compact or agreement entered into: Provided, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of the Reclamation Fund $1,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the expenses of such federal participation.

Sec. 3. No such compact or agreement shall be binding or obligatory upon either of such States unless and until it has been approved by the legislature of each of such States and by the Congress of the United States.

Sec. 4. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is herewith expressly reserved.

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CHAP. 217.—An Act To amend paragraph (1) of section 22 of the Interstate Commerce Act by providing for the carrying of a blind person, with a guide, for one fare.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph (1) of section 22 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, is amended by striking out the colon immediately preceding the first proviso of such paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon and the following: “nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit