

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.

February 26, 1927.
[S. 2714.]
[Public, No. 653.]

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.

Indian allotments. Cancellation of fee simple patents to, before end of trust period, etc.

Proviso.
If not sold, etc.

Original status restored upon cancellation.

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.

February 26, 1927.
[S. 4411.]
[Public, No. 654.]

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.

Belle Fourche and Cheyenne Rivers, etc. Agreement of South Dakota and Wyoming for division of waters of, consented to.

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.*

Federal representative to participate and report.

Proviso.
Payment from reclamation fund.

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.

Legislature and Congress approval required.

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

Amendment.

Approved, February 26, 1927.

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.

February 26, 1927.
[S. 2615.]
[Public, No. 655.]

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

Interstate commerce. Blind person and guide may be carried on one fare. Vol. 25, p. 862, amended.

any common carrier from carrying any totally blind person accompanied by a guide at the usual and ordinary fare charged to one person, under such reasonable regulations as may have been established by the carrier:”

Approved, February 26, 1927.

February 26, 1927.
[S. 5699.]
[Public, No. 656.]

CHAP. 218.—An Act Relating to the admission of candidates to the Naval Academy.

Naval Academy.
Age of admission to.
Vol. 40, p. 550, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled “An Act to fix the age limits for candidates for admission to the United States Naval Academy,” approved May 14, 1918, be amended by the addition of the following proviso:

Candidates whose
twentieth anniversary
of birth is April 1st of
the year of entrance
not excluded.

“Provided further, That the foregoing shall not be held to exclude the admission of a candidate the twentieth anniversary of whose birth occurs on the 1st day of April of the calendar year in which he shall enter.”

Approved, February 26, 1927.

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[S. 4974.]
[Public, No. 657.]

CHAP. 219.—An Act To amend and reenact an Act entitled “United States Cotton Futures Act,” approved August 11, 1916, as amended.

Cotton Futures Act.
Vol. 39, p. 478, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled “United States Cotton Futures Act,” approved August 11, 1916, as amended, be amended as follows:

Matter stricken out.

In section 6, after the words “established by the sale of spot cotton,” strike out the following words: “In the market where the future transaction involved occurs and is consummated, if such market be a bona fide spot market; and in the event there be no bona fide spot market at or in the place in which such future transaction occurs, then, and in that case, the said differences above or below the contract price which the receiver shall pay for cotton above or below the basis grade shall be determined by the average actual commercial differences in value thereof, upon the sixth business day prior to the day fixed, in accordance with the sixth subdivision of section 5, for the delivery of cotton on the contract,” so that section 6 as amended will read as follows:

Amended section.
Determination of difference in prices.

On values established by sales in spot markets.

“**SEC. 6.** That for the purposes of section 5 of this Act the differences above or below the contract price which the receiver shall pay for cotton of grades above or below the basis grade in the settlement of a contract of sale for the future delivery of cotton shall be determined by the actual commercial differences in value thereof upon the sixth business day prior to the day fixed, in accordance with the sixth subdivision of section 5, for the delivery of cotton on the contract, established by the sale of spot cotton in the spot markets of not less than five places designated for the purpose from time to time by the Secretary of Agriculture, as such values were established by the sales of spot cotton, in such designated five or more markets: *Provided, That for the purpose of this section such values in the said spot markets be based upon the standards for grades of cotton established by the Secretary of Agriculture: And provided further, That whenever the value of one grade is to be determined from the sale or sales of spot cotton of another grade or grades, such value shall be fixed in accordance with rules and regulations which shall be prescribed for the purpose by the Secretary of Agriculture.*”

Provises.
Values based on standard grades.

If based on another grade.

Approved, February 26, 1927.