the passage of this Act, the laws of the State of New York (including laws hereafter enacted) relating to the taking of game and fish shall be applicable to the taking of game and fish within the Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Oil Spring Indian Reservations in the State of New York; except that—

(1) Any such law which discriminates against the Indians and in favor of any other person shall not be applicable; and

(2) The Seneca Nation of Indians shall have the exclusive right to authorize, and to issue permits and licenses for, the taking of game and fish within such reservations.

(3) Provided, That this Act shall be inapplicable to lands formerly in the Oil Spring Reservation and heretofore acquired by the State of New York by condemnation proceedings.

Approved, January 5, 1927.

CHAP. 23.—An Act Providing for the promotion of Lieutenant Commander Richard E. Byrd, United States Navy, retired, and awarding to him a congressional medal of honor.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to advance Lieutenant Commander Richard E. Byrd, United States Navy, retired, to the grade of commander on the retired list of the Navy, to date from May 9, 1926, with the highest retired pay of that grade under existing law.

Sec. 2. The President of the United States is hereby authorized to present, in the name of Congress, a medal of honor to the said Richard E. Byrd for distinguishing himself conspicuously by courage and intrepidity at the risk of his life in demonstrating that it is possible for aircraft to travel in continuous flight from a now inhabited portion of the earth over the North Pole and return.

Approved, January 5, 1927.

CHAP. 24.—An Act Providing for the promotion of Floyd Bennett, aviation pilot, United States Navy, and awarding to him a congressional medal of honor.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to appoint Floyd Bennett, aviation pilot, United States Navy, to the grade of machinist in the Navy from May 9, 1926.

Sec. 2. The President of the United States is hereby authorized to present, in the name of Congress, a medal of honor to the said Floyd Bennett for his gallant service to the Nation as a member of the Byrd Arctic expedition, which medal, when presented, shall entitle him to the benefits provided by the Act approved February 4, 1919.

Approved, January 5, 1927.

CHAP. 25.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and Saint Louis Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, to construct a bridge across the Little Calumet River in Thornton Township, Cook County, Illinois.

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 granted to the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and Saint Louis Railroad Company and its successors and assigns,