CHAP. 411.—An Act Relating to the rate of wages for laborers and mechanics employed on public buildings of the United States and the District of Columbia by contractors and subcontractors, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every contract in excess of $5,000 in amount, to which the United States or the District of Columbia is a party, which requires or involves the employment of laborers or mechanics in the construction, alteration, and/or repair of any public buildings of the United States or the District of Columbia within the geographical limits of the States of the Union or the District of Columbia, shall contain a provision to the effect that the rate of wage for all laborers and mechanics employed by the contractor or any subcontractor on the public buildings covered by the contract shall be not less than the prevailing rate of wages for work of a similar nature in the city, town, village, or other civil division of the State in which the public buildings are located, or in the District of Columbia if the public buildings are located there, and a further provision that in case any dispute arises as to what are the prevailing rates of wages for work of a similar nature applicable to the contract which can not be adjusted by the contracting officer, the matter shall be referred to the Secretary of Labor for determination and his decision thereon shall be conclusive on all parties to the contract: Provided, That in case of national emergency the President is authorized to suspend the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 2. This Act shall take effect thirty days after its passage but shall not affect any contract then existing or any contract that may thereafter be entered into pursuant to invitations for bids that are outstanding at the time of the passage of this Act.

Approved, March 3, 1931.

CHAP. 412.—An Act Authorizing the attendance of the Army Band at the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held at Des Moines, Iowa.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized to permit the United States Army Band to attend and give concerts at the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held at Des Moines, Iowa, September 13 to 16, inclusive, 1931.

Sec. 2. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of the band in attending such reunion there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the United States Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $7,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Approved, March 3, 1931.

CHAP. 413.—An Act Relating to the adoption of minors by the Crow Indians of Montana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter no person shall be recognized as an adopted heir of a deceased Indian of the Crow Tribe of Indians of Montana unless said adoption shall have been by a judgment or decree of a State court, or by a written adoption approved by the superintendent of the Crow Indian Agency.
and duly recorded in a book kept by him for such purpose: Provided, That adoption by Indian custom made prior to the date of approval hereof involving probate proceedings now in process of consummation, shall not be affected by this Act.

Approved, March 3, 1931.

CHAP. 414.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to change the classification of Crow Indians.

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 is hereby authorized, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to change the classification of any Crow Indian under the Act of June 4, 1920 (41 Stat. L. 751), from incompetent to competent on the recommendation of a committee appointed for the purpose in accordance with section 12 of said Act.

Approved, March 3, 1931.

CHAP. 415.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the police jury of Richland Parish, Louisiana, or the State Highway Commission of Louisiana to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across Boeuf River at or near Buckner, Richland Parish, Louisiana.

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 police jury of Richland Parish, Louisiana, or the State Highway Commission of Louisiana, and their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across Boeuf River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Buckner, within the Parish of Richland, in the State of Louisiana, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled “An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters,” approved March 23, 1906.

Sec. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 3, 1931.

CHAP. 416.—An Act For the enrollment of children born after December 30, 1919, whose parents, or either of them, are members of the Blackfeet Tribe of Indians in the State of Montana, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for six months after the approval hereof the Secretary of the Interior shall receive applications for the enrollment of children born since December 30, 1919, and still living at the expiration of six months after the approval of this Act, one or both of whose parents have been enrolled as members of the Blackfeet Tribe of Indians, of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in the State of Montana; and for the purpose of enrollment under this section illegitimate children shall take the status of the mother, and said rolls shall be made and approved by the Secretary of the Interior within one year after the approval of this Act, and when so approved shall be conclusive evidence of the right of such applicants to participate in the benefits provided by this Act.