[CHAPTER 280]

AN ACT

For the benefit of the Indians of the Crow Reservation, 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 section 2 of the Act of June 4, 1920 (41 Stat. 751), entitled "An Act to provide for the allotment of lands of the Crow Tribe, for the distribution of tribal funds, and for other purposes", is hereby amended by inserting the following at the end of paragr. ph 1: "Provided, That for the purpose of consolidating the restricted land holdings of any individual Crow allottee or the holdings of members of a Crow family, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized, in his discretion and under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to approve sales of allotted and inherited Indian lands to members of the Crow Tribe or the exchange of restricted Crow lands without regard to the acreage limitation here-inbefore set out. Any sales or exchange made hereunder shall be upon a petition signed by the adult allottee and by the adult heirs of any deceased allottee and the parent or natural guardian of a minor heir or, if there be no natural guardian, by the officer in charge of the Crow Agency, and if the purchaser or recipient of such lands be an Indian of the Crow Tribe, then any outstanding trust patent or patents covering the land so sold or exchanged shall be canceled and a new patent of the force and legal effect of the trust patents as prescribed by the General Allotment Act of February 8, 1887 (24 Stat. 388), as amended, shall be issued to such Indian or Indians, which patent where applicable shall contain the mineral reservation provided in section 6 of this Act. Should any Crow allottee wish to retain mineral rights now owned by him in land, sold hereunder to other members of the tribe, he may do so by making conveyance on a form of deed to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, which form shall provide that its approval shall not operate to remove any trust or other conditions imposed upon said lands as expressed in the original trust or any other patent issued therefor."

Approved, June 8, 1940.

[CHAPTER 281]

AN ACT

To provide for the conservation and transfer of accumulated sick leave and vacation time due classified civil-service employees who succeed to the position of postmaster, 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 classified civil-service employee who shall be appointed to the position of postmaster shall retain to his credit whatever amount of sick leave and vacation time is properly due him on the date of his appointment to the position of postmaster; Provided, That such accumulated sick leave and vacation time shall be transferred to the credit of the employee as of the date of his appointment as postmaster in the same manner as the time might have been utilized by him before appointment: Provided further, That this Act shall be retroactive to the extent that every postmaster at a first- or second-class post office who shall have received appointment as postmaster while an employee of the classified civil-service and who shall hold the position of postmaster on the date this Act becomes effective, shall be entitled to the
benefits of the Act and shall be credited with the amount of accumu-
lated sick leave and vacation time which was due him on the date
of his appointment as postmaster: Provided further, That all laws
and parts of laws inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.
Approved, June 8, 1940.

[CHAPTER 282]

AN ACT

To repeal the prohibition against the filling of a vacancy in the office of district
judge for the southern district of New York.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provi-
sion of subsection (d) of section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act to
provide for the appointment of additional judges for certain United
States district courts, circuit courts of appeals, and certain courts of
the United States for the District of Columbia", approved May 31,
1938 (52 Stat. 585; U. S. C., title 28, sec. 4j-1), which reads: "Pro-
vided, That the first vacancy occurring in the office of district judge
for the southern district of New York by the retirement, disquali-
fication, resignation, or death of judges in office on the date of enact-
ment of this Act shall not be filled", be, and it is hereby, repealed.
Approved, June 8, 1940.

[CHAPTER 283]

AN ACT

Granting to the regents of the University of New Mexico the right to alienate
certain lands conveyed to them under authority of the Act of Congress, approved
August 19, 1935 (49 Stat. 659), in exchange for an equivalent amount of land
more expediently situated.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That the regents
of the University of New Mexico be, and they are hereby, authorized
to convey to the Santa Ana Pueblo that certain portion of the lands
patented to them under authority of the Act of Congress, approved
August 19, 1935 (Public, Numbered 284, Seventy-fourth Congress),
described as follows:
A strip of land one hundred feet wide extending along the north
and west boundaries of the northwest quarter section 30, and a strip
of land one hundred feet wide extending along the north boundary
of lot 7, section 30, all in township 13 north, range 4 east, New
Mexico principal meridian, New Mexico, these tracts comprising
thirteen and three-tenths acres, more or less;
That the pueblo of Santa Ana, a community of Pueblo Indians
residing in New Mexico, with the approval of the Secretary of
the Interior, is hereby authorized to convey to the regents of the
University of New Mexico and the said regents of the University of
New Mexico are hereby authorized to accept from the said Santa
Ana Pueblo in exchange for the aforesaid lands, lots 3 and 6 and
that portion of lot 2, section 30, township 13 north, range 4 east,
New Mexico principal meridian, New Mexico, lying south of a line
beginning at a point on the west boundary of lot 2, north eight
degrees fifty minutes east six hundred and ninety-two and eight-
tenths feet from angle point one on the west boundary of the El
Ranchito grant and bearing south sixty-three degrees forty minutes
east to the west bank of the Rio Grande, containing a total area of