

051202, 051203, 051204, 051205, 051206, 051207, 051208, 051209, 051210, 051211, 051239, 051241, 051242, 051243, 051244, 051245, 051246, 051247, 051248, 051249, 051250, 051251, 051252, 051255, 051256, 051257, 051258, 051259, 051260, 051262, 051264, 051266, Santa Fe 069715, 069716, 069799, 069800, 069801, 069803, 069805, 069806, 069807, 070093, 070094, and to issue oil and gas leases under the ninth and tenth provisos of section 13 of the Act of February 25, 1920, as amended by the Act of August 21, 1935, pursuant to applications for prospecting permits filed after ninety days prior to the effective date of the amendatory Act by said attorney in fact, said applications bearing serial numbers Las Cruces 051275, 051301, 051302, 051303, 051304, 051305, 051321, 051322, 051323, 051324, 051325, 052231, 052232, 052233, 052234, 052235, 052236, 052237, notwithstanding that the proof of qualifications submitted by each applicant in connection with his application was not under oath although acknowledged before a notary public, and notwithstanding that a curative qualifying affidavit was not filed until after the passage of the amendatory Act of August 21, 1935, the delay in furnishing said curative qualifying affidavit being attributable to the suspension in the General Land Office of action on all applications for prospecting permits pending the enactment of the aforesaid amendatory Act and the promulgation of regulations thereunder: *Provided*, That the lands applied for and described in said applications are unreserved and unappropriated public lands not subject to prior claims and that the applications are otherwise regular and allowable.

Approved, August 25, 1937.

Proviso.
Condition.

[CHAPTER 776]

AN ACT

To amend paragraph (1) of section 22 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended.

August 25, 1937
[S. 2619]
[Public, No. 372]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of paragraph (1) of section 22 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, as reads as follows: "Nothing in this part shall prevent any carrier or carriers subject to this part from giving reduced rates for the transportation of property to or from any section of the country with the object of providing relief in case of earthquake, flood, fire, famine, drought¹, epidemic, pestilence, or other calamitous visitation or disaster, if such reduced rates have first been authorized by order of the Commission (with or without a hearing); but in any such order the Commission shall define such section and shall specify the period during which such reduced rates are to remain in effect." is amended to read as follows: "Nothing in this part shall prevent any carrier or carriers subject to this part from giving reduced rates for the transportation of property to or from any section of the country with the object of providing relief in case of earthquake, flood, fire, famine, drought, epidemic, pestilence, or other calamitous visitation or disaster, if such reduced rates have first been authorized by order of the Commission (with or without a hearing); but in any such order the Commission shall (1) define such section, (2) specify the period during which such reduced rates are to remain in effect, and (3) clearly define the class or classes of persons entitled to such reduced rates: *Provided*, That any such order may define the class or classes entitled to such reduced rates as being persons designated as being in distress and in need of relief by agents of the United States or any State authorized to assist in relieving the distress

Interstate Commerce Act, amendment.
Reduced transportation charges in cases of disaster, etc.
24 Stat. 387.
49 U. S. C. § 22.

Provisions governing reduction.

Proviso.
Order may specify classes benefited.

¹ So in original.

caused by any such calamitous visitation or disaster. No carrier subject to the provisions of this part shall be deemed to have violated the provisions of such part with respect to undue or unreasonable preference or unjust discrimination by reason of the fact that such carrier extends such reduced rates only to the class or classes of persons defined in the order of the Commission authorizing such reduced rates."

Approved, August 25, 1937.

[CHAPTER 777]

AN ACT

August 25, 1937
[S. 2849]
[Public, No. 373]

To prohibit certain agreements fixing fees or compensation in receivership, bankruptcy, or reorganization proceedings, to prohibit the appointment of certain persons as receiver or trustee, and for other purposes.

Receivership, bankruptcy, etc.
Agreements fixing fees in, prohibited.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) it shall be unlawful for any party in interest, or any attorney for any party in interest, in any receivership, bankruptcy, or reorganization proceeding, in or under the supervision of any court of the United States, to enter into any agreement, written or oral, express or implied, with any other party in interest, or any attorney of any other party in interest, in such proceeding for the purpose of fixing the amount of the fees or other compensation to be paid to any party in interest or any attorney of any party in interest in such proceeding, for services rendered in connection therewith when such fees or other compensation are to be paid from the assets of the estate in receivership, bankruptcy or reorganization. As used in this section, the term "party in interest" includes any debtor, creditor, receiver, or trustee and any representative of any of them.

"Party in interest" defined.

Approval of unlawful fees prohibited.

(b) It shall be unlawful for the judge of any court of the United States to approve the payment of any fees or compensation the amount of which is fixed as the result of any act declared to be unlawful by subsection (a) of this section.

Appointments of relatives of judge.

(c) It shall be unlawful for the Judge of any court of the United States to appoint as Receiver, or Trustee, any person related to such Judge by consanguinity, or affinity, within the fourth degree.

Penalty.

(d) Any person who commits any act declared by this section to be unlawful shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

Approved, August 25, 1937.

[CHAPTER 778]

AN ACT

August 25, 1937
[S. 2851]
[Public, No. 374]

To authorize the reservation of minerals in future sales of lands of the Choctaw-Chickasaw Indians in Oklahoma.

Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, Okla.
Reservation of mineral rights, etc., in future land sales.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter, in all sales of tribal lands of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians in Oklahoma provided for by existing law, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to offer such lands for sale subject to a reservation of the mineral rights therein, including oil and gas, for the benefit of said Indians, whenever in his judgment the interests of the Indians will best be served thereby.

Approved, August 25, 1937.