

increased as follows: 10 per centum of the first \$3,000 of each such salary rate; 8 per centum of so much of each such rate as is in excess of \$3,000 up to and including \$5,000, and 6 per centum of so much of each such rate as exceeds \$5,000.

(b) This section shall take effect on July 1, 1953.

Payscale study.

SEC. 2. The Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, in cooperation with the Board of Education of the District of Columbia is hereby directed to make a study of the pay scales and classifications of the employees of such Board whose salaries are fixed and regulated by the District of Columbia Teachers' Salary Act of 1947, for the purpose of determining what salary and classification adjustments may be necessary or desirable, and to make a report to the respective chairmen of the Senate and House District Committees not later than January 4, 1954.

Report.

Approved August 5, 1953.

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CHAPTER 323

AN ACT

August 5, 1953
[H. R. 1802]

To amend the Act of Congress approved March 4, 1915 (38 Stat. 1214), as amended.

Alaska.
Lands for edu-
cational uses.

48 USC 353.

Oil and gas de-
posits, etc.
Leases.

30 USC 22, 181
et seq.

48 USC 432-452.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of Congress approved March 4, 1915 (38 Stat. 1214), being an Act to reserve lands of the Territory of Alaska for educational uses, and for other purposes, as amended by the Act approved March 5, 1952 (66 Stat. 14), is hereby further amended by adding to the first section the following:

"All deposits of oil, gas, oil shale, phosphate, sodium, and potassium in the reserved lands together with the lands containing such deposits shall be subject to disposition under the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437), as amended, and all deposits of coal in the reserved lands together with the lands containing such deposits shall be subject to disposition under the Alaska Coal Leasing Act of October 20, 1914 (38 Stat. 741), as amended. Ninety per centum of the entire proceeds or income derived by the United States from any disposition of the minerals in the reserved lands under the mineral leasing laws, as herein provided, are hereby appropriated for payment to the Territorial treasury, where such sums shall be set apart as permanent funds, to be invested and the income expended for the same purposes and in the same manner as hereinbefore provided for. The other ten per centum of the entire proceeds or income shall be deposited in the United States Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

"Any person qualified to hold an oil and gas lease who had first filed in point of time and had pending on January 15, 1953, an offer or application for an oil and gas lease for any lands subject to this Act, which lands on said date were within the limits of a unitized area created by unit agreement approved by the Secretary of the Interior, and which lands on the date the application for an oil and gas lease was filed were not situated within the known geologic structure of a producing oil and gas field, shall have a preference right over others to an oil and gas lease of such lands.

"Upon the transfer to any future State erected out of the Territory of Alaska of title to any of the reserved lands, the provisions of this amendment shall cease to apply to the reserved lands title to which is so transferred. Any lease, permit, or contract made pursuant to

this amendment which is in effect at the time of any such transfer of title to the lands covered by the lease, permit, or contract shall not be terminated or otherwise affected by such transfer of title; but all right, title, and interest of the United States under such lease, permit, or contract, including any authority to modify its terms and conditions that may have been retained by the United States, shall vest in the State to which title to the lands covered by the lease, permit, or contract is transferred.

“The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to make all necessary rules and regulations in harmony with the provisions and purposes of this Act for the purpose of carrying the same into effect, including such provisions as he may deem equitable to assure compensation of surface lessees for damages to crops or improvements on, or impairment of the surface utilization of, the reserved lands by the holder of a mineral lease, or contract issued under this Act: *Provided*, That such damages, if any, may be subject to judicial review.”

Approved August 5, 1953.

Public Law 191

CHAPTER 324

AN ACT

August 5, 1953
[S. 1197]

Granting the consent of Congress to the negotiation by the States of Nebraska, Wyoming, and South Dakota of certain compacts with respect to the use of waters common to two or more of said States.

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—

Nebraska, Wyoming, and South Dakota.
Water compacts.

(1) to the States of Nebraska, Wyoming, and South Dakota to negotiate a compact providing for an equitable division and apportionment among the said States of the waters of the Niobrara River and its tributaries;

(2) to the States of Nebraska and South Dakota to negotiate a compact providing for an equitable division and apportionment between said States of the waters of Ponca Creek and its tributaries; and

(3) to the States of Nebraska, Wyoming, and South Dakota or any two of them to negotiate a compact or compacts relating to the extraction and use of ground waters from sources common to the compacting States.

No compact, the negotiation of which is authorized by this Act, shall be binding or obligatory upon any of the parties thereto unless the negotiations shall have been participated in by a suitable person or persons who shall be appointed by the President to represent the United States and shall make report to the Congress on the proceedings and on the compact and until that compact shall have been ratified by the legislatures of each of the States concerned and approved by the Congress. Nothing contained in any compact negotiated under this Act shall be construed as affecting the obligations of the United States of America to Indian tribes. The authority given by this Act shall, unless otherwise continued by the Congress, expire five years from the date of its approval.

Expiration of authority.

Approved August 5, 1953.