

## ARTICLE XV

## COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SAFEGUARDED

1. This compact is not designed and shall not be construed to limit in any way any rights granted or derived from any other statute or any rule of law for employees to organize in labor organizations, to bargain collectively and to act in any other way individually, collectively, and through labor organizations or other representatives of their own choosing. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, nothing contained in this compact shall be construed to limit in any way the right of employees to strike.

2. This compact is not designed and shall not be construed to limit in any way any rights of longshoremen, hiring agents, pier superintendents or port watchmen or their employers to bargain collectively and agree upon any method for the selection of such employees by way of seniority, experience, regular gangs or otherwise; *provided*, that such employees shall be licensed or registered hereunder and such longshoremen and port watchmen shall be hired only through the employment information centers established hereunder and that all other provisions of this compact be observed.

## ARTICLE XVI

## AMENDMENTS; CONSTRUCTION; SHORT TITLE

1. Amendments and supplements to this compact to implement the purposes thereof may be adopted by the action of the Legislature of either State concurred in by the Legislature of the other.

2. If any part or provision of this compact or the application thereof to any person or circumstances be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part, provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this compact or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances and the two States hereby declare that they would have entered into this compact or the remainder thereof had the invalidity of such provision or application thereof been apparent.

3. In accordance with the ordinary rules for construction of interstate compacts this compact shall be liberally construed to eliminate the evils described therein and to effectuate the purposes thereof.

4. This compact shall be known and may be cited as the "Waterfront Commission Compact."

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

Approved August 12, 1953.

Public Law 253

CHAPTER 408

## AN ACT

To amend the mineral leasing laws with respect to their application in the case of pipelines passing through the public domain.

August 12, 1953  
[S. 2220]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 28 of the Act entitled "An Act to promote the mining of coal, phosphate, oil, oil shale, gas, and sodium on the public domain", approved February

Natural gas pipe-  
lines.  
Rights-of-way.

49 Stat. 678.

25, 1920, as amended (30 U. S. C., sec. 185), is amended by inserting after "Provided," the following: "That the common carrier provisions of this section shall not apply to any natural gas pipeline operated by any person subject to regulation under the Natural Gas Act or by any public utility subject to regulation by a State or municipal regulatory agency having jurisdiction to regulate the rates and charges for the sale of natural gas to consumers within the State or municipality: *Provided further,*,"

52 Stat. 821.  
15 USC 717w.

Approved August 12, 1953.

## Public Law 254

## CHAPTER 409

August 12, 1953  
[H. R. 1383]

## AN ACT

To provide for distribution of moneys of deceased restricted members of the Five Civilized Tribes not exceeding \$500, and for other purposes.

Five Civilized  
Tribes, Okla.  
Payment to heirs,  
etc.

*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 granted authority to disburse to the heirs or legatees of deceased members of the Five Civilized Tribes any sum of money on deposit to the credit of such deceased Indian or Indians, not exceeding \$500, where said decedent died seized of no lands or the lands have since been lawfully alienated. Said funds shall be disbursed on proof of death and heirship or bequest satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior and his finding thereon shall be final and conclusive: *Provided,* That such transfer of funds so disbursed shall not be taxable.

61 Stat. 733.  
25 USC 355 note.

Sec. 2. The first sentence of subsection (e) of section 6 of the Act of August 4, 1947 (61 Stat. 731), is hereby amended to read as follows: "On or before the 1st day of January of each year the Secretary of the Interior shall cause to be filed with the county treasurer of each county in the State of Oklahoma where restricted lands of members of the Five Civilized Tribes are situated a list of the nontaxable lands that have been sold during the preceding year."

Approved August 12, 1953.

## Public Law 255

## CHAPTER 425

August 13, 1953  
[S. 1152]

## AN ACT

To extend for a period of five years the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to make loans to fur farmers.

Fur farmers.  
Loans.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture under section 1 (a) (1) of the Act of April 6, 1949 (63 Stat. 43; 12 U. S. C. 1148a-1) to make loans to bona fide fur farmers in accordance with the last proviso in the paragraph headed "Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation" in title II of the Government Corporations Appropriation Act, 1949 (62 Stat. 1192), is hereby extended for the five-year period ending on June 30, 1958, for the purpose only of making necessary supplementary advances to fur farmers now indebted for loans made under the foregoing authority.

Approved August 13, 1953.