[CHAPTER 474]

AN ACT

June 25, 1946
[H. R. 5271]
[Public Law 440]

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to allow credit in connection with certain homestead entries for military or naval service rendered during World War II".

World War II veterans.
Homestead entries.

58 Stat. 747.
43 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 279.

Age.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act approved September 27, 1944, entitled "An Act to allow credit in connection with certain homestead entries for military or naval service rendered during World War II" (Public, Numbered 434, Seventy-eighth Congress, second session), is hereby amended by deleting the period at the end thereof, by substituting a colon, and by inserting the following proviso: "*Provided*, That no person who has served or may serve in the military or naval forces of the United States for a period of at least ninety days during World War II and is honorably discharged shall be disqualified from making homestead entry or from any other benefits of this Act merely by reason of not having reached the age of twenty-one years."

Approved June 25, 1946.

[CHAPTER 475]

AN ACT

June 25, 1946
[H. R. 6195]
[Public Law 441]

To amend section 1 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", as amended by the Act of May 26, 1926 (44 Stat. 658).

Crow Indian lands.
Leases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act of June 4, 1920 (41 Stat. 751), as amended by section 1 of the Act of May 26, 1926 (44 Stat. 658), be further amended by striking out the next to the last sentence of section 1, reading "No lease shall be made for a period longer than five years," and by substituting therefor the following: "No lease of any allotment shall be made for a period longer than five years except that irrigable lands in Indian ownership under the Big Horn unit of the Crow Indian irrigation project may be leased for farming purposes for a period not exceeding ten years. All other provisions of these Acts with respect to the leasing of Crow Indian lands shall continue in effect."

Approved June 25, 1946.

[CHAPTER 487]

JOINT RESOLUTION

June 25, 1946
[H. J. Res. 307]
[Public Law 442]

To authorize the use of naval vessels to determine the effect of atomic weapons upon such vessels.

Atomic weapons.
Use of naval vessels as targets.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy, with the approval of the President, is authorized to employ vessels of the Navy as targets for purposes of test and experimentation in determining the effect of atomic weapons upon such vessels.

Disposition of vessels.

SEC. 2. After employment pursuant to authority contained in section 1 of this Act vessels may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy or such other person as may be designated by him, be—

(a) sunk if considered unseaworthy; or

(b) retained with or without repair for further test and experimentation, for further naval use, or for other disposition in accordance with other provisions of law.

Number of vessels.

SEC. 3. The number of combatant vessels, exclusive of those received from foreign governments, which may be employed as