

wise authorized by law, or to limit or repeal any existing authority to include any reservation, limitation, or restriction in any such patent, or to limit or restrict any use of the lands covered by any patented or unpatented mining claim by the United States, its lessees, permittees, and licensees which is otherwise authorized by law.

Approved July 23, 1955.

## Public Law 168

## CHAPTER 376

## AN ACT

July 26, 1955  
[S. 1139]

To extend the existing authority for the loan of a small aircraft carrier to the Government of France.

*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 August 5, 1953 (67 Stat. 363) is hereby amended by striking out the remainder of the sentence after the word "until" and inserting in lieu thereof "June 30, 1958".

Approved July 26, 1955.

## Public Law 169

## CHAPTER 377

## AN ACT

July 26, 1955  
[S. 1250]

To declare Pike Creek above the easterly side of the highway bridge at Sixth Avenue in the city of Kenosha, Wisconsin, a nonnavigable stream.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Pike Creek, in the State of Wisconsin, above the easterly side of the highway bridge at Sixth Avenue in the city of Kenosha is hereby declared to be a nonnavigable stream within the meaning of the Constitution and laws of the United States.

Pike Creek, Wis.

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

Approved July 26, 1955.

## Public Law 170

## CHAPTER 378

## AN ACT

July 26, 1955  
[H. R. 4585]

To amend the Act of August 24, 1912, to simplify the procedures governing the mailings of certain publications of churches and church organizations.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the ninth paragraph under the heading "OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL" contained in the first section of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and for other purposes", approved August 24, 1912 (39 U. S. C., sec. 229), is amended—

Mailing of church publications.

(1) by inserting "or by a church or church organization," immediately after "or by a regularly established State institution of learning supported in whole or in part by public taxation,";

(2) by inserting "or by churches and church organizations," immediately after "and such periodical publications, issued by

37 Stat. 550.

or under the auspices of benevolent or fraternal societies or orders or trades unions, or by strictly professional, literary, historical, or scientific societies,";

(3) by inserting "churches and church organizations," immediately after "whether such matter pertains to such benevolent or fraternal societies or orders, trades unions, strictly professional, literary, historical, or scientific societies,";

(4) by inserting "churches and church organizations," immediately after "to further the objects and purposes of such benevolent or fraternal societies or orders, trades unions,"; and

(5) by inserting "or by churches and church organizations" immediately after "circulation through the mails of periodical publications issued by, or under the auspices of, benevolent or fraternal societies or orders, or trades unions, or by strictly professional, literary, historical, or scientific societies,".

Effective date.

SEC. 2. The amendments made by the first section of this Act shall take effect on the first day of the second calendar month following the date of enactment of this Act.

Approved July 26, 1955.

## Public Law 171

## CHAPTER 379

### AN ACT

July 26, 1955  
[S. 1464]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain rights-of-way and timber access roads.

*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 may acquire rights-of-way and existing connecting roads adjacent to public lands whenever he determines that such acquisition is needed to provide a suitable and adequate system of timber access roads to public lands under his jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of this Act, the term "public lands" includes the Revested Oregon and California Railroad and the Reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Lands in Oregon.

Approved July 26, 1955.

## Public Law 172

## CHAPTER 380

### AN ACT

July 26, 1955  
[H. R. 6419]

To redefine the terms "stepchild" and "stepparent" for the purposes of the Servicemen's Indemnity Act of 1951, as amended.

Servicemen's indemnity.  
65 Stat. 34.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the first sentence of section 3 of the Servicemen's Indemnity Act of 1951 (38 U. S. C. 852) is hereby amended (1) by deleting therefrom the words "including a stepchild, adopted child, or an illegitimate child if the latter was designated as beneficiary by the insured" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "including a stepchild if designated as beneficiary by the insured or if a member of the insured's household, adopted child, or an illegitimate child if the latter was designated as beneficiary by the insured", and (2) by deleting therefrom the words "including a stepparent, parent by adoption, or person who stood in loco parentis