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## NATIONAL FOREST RESERVE

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### CHAPTER 193.

[S. B. No. 371—Martin]

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#### APPROPRIATION FOR NATIONAL FOREST RESERVE.

AN ACT Making Disposition of Certain Moneys now in the Hands of the Treasurer of the State of North Dakota, or That May Hereafter Come Into His Hands by Reason of the Act of Congress Approved May 23, 1908. Making an Appropriation for the National Forest Reserve, Located in the County of Billings, State of North Dakota.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

§ 1. That all moneys now in the hands of or that hereafter may be received by the treasurer of the state of North Dakota by reason of the act of Congress approved May 23, 1908, creating a national forest reserve in the county of Billings, state of North Dakota, shall be, by the treasurer of the state of North Dakota, paid over at the end of each fiscal year to the county treasurer of the county of Billings, state of North Dakota, to be by him covered into the public road fund of said county.

§ 2. EMERGENCY.] This act shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval for the reason that there are certain sums lying in the treasury of the state of North Dakota for which there is no adequate law making disposition of the same.

Approved March 6, 1911.

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## NATURAL GAS

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### CHAPTER 194.

[S. B. No. 122—Trimble]

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#### GAS TO BE CONFINED. PROVISIO.

AN ACT Requiring Natural Gas to be Confined, and Prescribing Penalty for Violation Thereof.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

§ 1. GAS TO BE CONFINED. PROVISIO.] Any person, co-partnership or corporation in possession, either as owner, lessee, agent

or manager of any well producing natural gas, in this state, in order to prevent gas wasting by escape, shall immediately after penetrating the gas-bearing rocks, in any well hereafter drilled, shut in and confine the gas in said well until and during such time as the gas therein shall be utilized for lights, fuel or power purposes; provided that this shall not apply to any well operated for oil; provided also, that when in the course of drilling, gas production is developed, ten days' free time shall be allowed to determine whether the well shall be shut and saved for a gas well or drilled in further for the purpose of producing oil. Provided, also, that this act shall not apply to any artesian or other well used for water supply purposes, which discharges natural gas with the water, where the discharge of gas does not exceed an average of five thousand cubic feet of gas in each twenty four hours.

§ 2. MISDEMEANOR. TO LEAVE GAS WELLS OPEN. PUNISHMENT.] Any person violating any of the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction be fined in a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars, and each day's continuance of such violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Approved March 3, 1911.

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## NOXIOUS WEEDS

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### CHAPTER 195.

[S. B. No. 75—Thoreson]

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#### PREVENTION OF SPREAD OF NOXIOUS WEEDS.

AN ACT to Prevent the Spread of Noxious Weeds, by Threshing Machines and Conveyances Used in Threshing; Providing How Said Machines and Conveyances Shall be Cleaned, and Fixing a Penalty for any Violation Thereof.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

§ 1. Any owner or operator of a threshing machine, and any owner or teamster employed in hauling grain, either threshed or unthreshed, shall upon completing any threshing engagement, and before leaving the premises on which said work is done to go to the farm of another, take all reasonable care to prevent the conveying and carrying away and scattering of any noxious weeds, which may have accumulated in or on said machine or conveyance used in the said operation of threshing.