

Set-offs, etc.

SEC. 6. That no payment or payments which have been made by the United States upon any claim or claims asserted in any suit brought hereunder, or expended for any of the said Indians, shall operate as an estoppel against any suit brought hereunder, but there shall be set off against any recovery obtained by said Indians hereunder any payment made by the United States on any claim asserted by said Indians, together with such gratuity expenditures as are directed to be set off by the Act of Congress, approved August 12, 1935 (49 Stat. 596): *Provided*, That no moneys expended for the benefit of said Indians under the Wheeler-Howard Act, approved June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), shall be applicable as set-offs.

25 U. S. C. § 475a.

25 U. S. C. §§ 461-479.

Attorneys' fees.

SEC. 7. That upon the final determination of any suit or suits instituted hereunder, the Court of Claims, in the event of judgment for said Indians shall determine such fees or compensation to be paid the attorney or attorneys as said court shall find reasonable or equitable, and in addition thereto such actual and necessary expenses as shall have been incurred by the attorney or attorneys in the prosecution of said claims. In no case shall the fees or compensation decreed by said Court of Claims be in excess of the amount stipulated in the contract or contracts approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior, and in no event to exceed 10 per centum of the amount of the recovery, and shall be paid out of any money appropriated by Congress for the benefit of said Indians pursuant to any judgment hereunder.

Deposit of amounts recovered to credit of Indians.

SEC. 8. That the amount of any judgment recovered for said Indians, less attorneys' fees and expenses, shall be placed to the credit of said Indians in the Treasury of the United States and shall draw interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum from date of judgment and shall thereafter be subject to appropriation by Congress and used for the benefit of said Indians, including, but without limitations, the purchase of lands, livestock, farming implements, erection of buildings and improvements, and for productive enterprises, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and the consent of said Indians.

Approved July 30, 1946.

## [CHAPTER 704]

## AN ACT

To fix the salaries of certain judges of the United States.

July 31, 1946

[S. 920]

[Public Law 567]

U. S. courts.  
Salaries of certain judges.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following salaries shall be paid to the several judges hereinafter mentioned in lieu of the salaries now provided by law, namely:

To the Chief Justice of the United States at the rate of \$25,500 per year.

To each of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States at the rate of \$25,000 per year.

To each of the judges of the several circuit courts of appeals, including the chief justice and the associate justices of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, at the rate of \$17,500 per year.

To the presiding judge of the United States Court of Customs and Patent Appeals, and to each of the associate judges thereof, at the rate of \$17,500 per year.

To the chief justice of the Court of Claims, and to each of the judges thereof, at the rate of \$17,500 per year.

To each of the judges of the several district courts, including the associate justices of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia and the judges in Puerto Rico, Hawaii, the

Virgin Islands, and Alaska exercising Federal Jurisdiction, at the rate of \$15,000 per year.

To the chief justice of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia at the rate of \$15,500 per year.

To each of the judges of the United States Customs Court at the rate of \$15,000 per year.

To each of the Judges of The Tax Court of the United States at the rate of \$15,000 per year.

That all of said salaries shall be paid in monthly installments.

SEC. 2. It is authorized that there be appropriated annually such sums as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved July 31, 1946.

Appropriation au-  
thorized.

[CHAPTER 705]

AN ACT

To authorize increases in the salary rates of teachers, school officers, and other employees of the Board of Education of the District of Columbia whose pay is fixed and regulated by the District of Columbia Teachers' Salary Act of 1945, as amended.

July 31, 1946  
[S. 2352]  
[Public Law 568]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1946, all employees of the Board of Education whose salaries are fixed and regulated by the District of Columbia Teachers' Salary Act of 1945, as amended, except the Superintendent of Schools, shall receive, in addition to the compensation already provided for under such Act, as amended, additional compensation at the rate of \$450 per annum.

Board of Education  
employees, D. C.  
Additional compen-  
sation.

59 Stat. 488.  
D. C. Code, Supp.  
V, §§ 31-638 to 31-658.

SEC. 2. There is authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the District of Columbia not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, and any appropriations for the public schools of the District of Columbia for personal services are hereby made available for the payment of the increased salaries authorized by this Act.

Appropriation au-  
thorized.

SEC. 3. The Board of Education is hereby directed to make a study of the pay scales and classifications of the employees of the said Board whose salaries are fixed and determined by the District of Columbia Teachers' Salary Act of 1945, as amended, for the purpose of determining what salary and classification adjustments, if any, may be necessary or desirable, and to make a report, including its findings and recommendations, to the respective chairmen of the Senate and House District Committees not later than February 1, 1947.

Study of pay scales  
and classifications.

*Supra.*

Report to Congress.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect as of July 1, 1946.

Effective date.

Approved July 31, 1946.

[CHAPTER 706]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct the Lewiston Orchards project, Idaho, in accordance with the Federal reclamation laws.

July 31, 1946  
[S. 2372]  
[Public Law 569]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for the purposes of irrigating lands and for purposes incidental thereto, there is hereby authorized to be constructed, operated, and maintained the Lewiston Orchards project, Idaho, substantially in accordance with the recommendations of the regional director of the Bureau of Reclamation, region numbered I, in his report dated December 3, 1945,

Lewiston Orchards  
project, Idaho.