

reserved (in whole or in part), prior to the enactment of this Act, for employees of an agency of the Federal Government may be retained by him for employees of that agency for such time as he determines such action necessary to provide adequate housing accommodations for them in the area.

Sale, etc., of land by government agencies.

SEC. 6. Any executive department or agency of the Federal Government is hereby authorized to sell, transfer, and convey to the Alaska Housing Authority at fair value (as determined by such department or agency), for use under this Act, all or any right, title, and interest in any real or personal property under the jurisdiction of such department or agency which it determines to be in excess of its own requirements, notwithstanding any limitations or requirements of law with respect to the use or disposition of such property: *Provided*, That the authority conferred by this section shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other powers and authorities of such department or agency.

Approved April 23, 1949.

[CHAPTER 90]

AN ACT

April 23, 1949

[H. R. 1755]

[Public Law 53]

To authorize a \$100 per capita payment to members of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians from the proceeds of the sale of timber and lumber on the Red Lake Reservation.

Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Minn.  
Per capita payments.

*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 authorized to withdraw as much as may be necessary from the fund on deposit in the Treasury of the United States arising from the proceeds of the sale of timber and lumber within the Red Lake Reservation in Minnesota, according to the provisions of the Act of May 18, 1916 (39 Stat. 137), to the credit of the Red Lake Indians in Minnesota, and to pay therefrom \$100 to each member of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians of Minnesota who is living at the date of enactment of this Act. Such payments shall be made as soon as practicable under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

SEC. 2. No money paid to Indians under this Act shall be subject to any lien or claim of attorneys or other persons. Before any payment is made under this Act, the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians of Minnesota shall, in such manner as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, ratify and accept the provisions of this Act.

53 Stat. 1360, 1379, 1397.

SEC. 3. Payments made under this Act shall not be held to be "other income and resources" as that term is used in sections 2 (a) (7), 402 (a) (7), and 1002 (a) (8) of the Social Security Act, as amended (U. S. C., 1946 edition, title 42, secs. 302 (a) (7), 602 (a) (7), and 1202 (a) (8)).

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[CHAPTER 91]

AN ACT

April 25, 1949

[H. R. 164]

[Public Law 54]

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the Churntown Elementary School District, California.

Churntown Elementary School District, Calif.  
Conveyance.

*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 authorized to convey to the Churntown Elementary School District, California, for such consideration as he

may fix in accordance with its present valuation, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of land in the north half of section 26, township 33 north, range 5 west, Mount Diablo base and meridian, Shasta County, California, containing an area of ten and eleven one-hundredths acres, more or less, and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the westerly boundary of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of said section 26, distant therealong south no degrees three minutes forty seconds west six hundred and ninety-four and twenty-four one-hundredths feet from the north quarter corner of said section 26; thence north eighty-nine degrees thirty-six minutes no seconds east four hundred and sixty-seven and sixteen one-hundredths feet; thence south no degrees three minutes forty seconds west eight hundred and thirty feet to a point in the northerly boundary of State Highway 209; thence along said northerly boundary and along the arc of a curve to the right with a radius of one thousand nine hundred and seventy feet (the long chord bears north seventy-six degrees thirty-seven minutes fourteen seconds west eighty-six and seventy-nine one-hundredths feet) for a distance of eighty-six and eighty one-hundredths feet; thence continuing along said northerly boundary north seventy-five degrees twenty-one minutes thirty seconds west three hundred and ninety-five and forty-six one-hundredths feet; thence leaving said northerly boundary north no degrees five minutes thirteen seconds east ninety-eight and ninety-six one-hundredths feet the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of said section 26; thence south eighty-nine degrees thirty-six minutes no seconds west one hundred and fifty-five and twenty-two one-hundredths feet to a point in the easterly boundary of State Highway 209; thence along said easterly boundary and along the arc of a curve to the right with a radius of one thousand one hundred and sixteen and twenty-eight one-hundredths feet (the long chord bears north two degrees thirty-eight minutes fifty-three seconds east eighty and seventy-five one-hundredths feet) for a distance of eighty and seventy-seven one-hundredths feet; thence continuing along said easterly boundary north four degrees forty-three minutes fifteen seconds east five hundred and twenty-nine and nineteen one-hundredths feet; thence leaving said easterly boundary north eighty-nine degrees thirty-six minutes no seconds east one hundred and eight and fifty-eight one-hundredths feet to the point of beginning.

There shall be reserved to the United States in the conveyance of the land described all oil, gas, coal, and other mineral deposits in the land, including all materials determined pursuant to section 5 (b) (1) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 761), to be peculiarly essential to the production of fissionable material, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same.

SEC. 2. The land conveyed pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall be used only for public-school purposes, and the conveyance herein authorized shall be made upon the express condition that if the land is abandoned for such use for a period of two years or more or if the land shall be used for other purposes, the conveyance shall be held to be forfeited and the title shall revert to the United States. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to determine the facts and declare such forfeiture and reversion and such determination and declaration shall be final and conclusive: *Provided*, That the Churntown Elementary School District of California shall pay 50 per centum of the appraised value of the property as determined by the United States Department of the Interior.

Approved April 25, 1949.

Mineral deposits reserved by U. S.

42 U. S. C. § 1805 (b) (1).

Restriction on use of land.

## [CHAPTER 92]

## AN ACT

April 25, 1949  
[H. R. 779]  
[Public Law 55]

To amend title 28 of the United States Code to provide additional time for bringing suit against the United States in the case of certain tort claims, and for other purposes.

Title 28, United States Code, amendments.  
62 Stat. 971.  
28 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 2401 (b).

*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 2401 (b) of title 28 of the United States Code is hereby amended to read as follows: "A tort claim against the United States shall be forever barred unless action is begun within two years after such claim accrues or within one year after the date of enactment of this amendatory sentence, whichever is later, or unless, if it is a claim not exceeding \$1,000, it is presented in writing to the appropriate Federal agency within two years after such claim accrues or within one year after the date of enactment of this amendatory sentence, whichever is later."

62 Stat. 933.  
28 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 1346 (b).  
Post, p. 101.  
62 Stat. 982.  
28 U. S. C., Supp. II, §§ 2671-2680.  
Post, pp. 106, 107, 444.

SEC. 2. (a) Section 1346 (b) of title 28 of the United States Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(b) Subject to the provisions of chapter 171 of this title, the district courts, together with the District Court for the Territory of Alaska, the United States District Court for the District of the Canal Zone and the District Court of the Virgin Islands, shall have exclusive jurisdiction of civil actions on claims against the United States, for money damages, accruing on and after January 1, 1945, for injury or loss of property, or personal injury or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any employee of the Government while acting within the scope of his office or employment, under circumstances where the United States, if a private person, would be liable to the claimant in accordance with the law of the place where the act or omission occurred."

62 Stat. 933.  
28 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 2672.  
Post, p. 106.

(b) The first paragraph of section 2672 of title 28 of the United States Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The head of each Federal agency, or his designee for the purpose, acting on behalf of the United States, may consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, and settle any claim for money damages of \$1,000 or less against the United States accruing on and after January 1, 1945, for injury or loss of property or personal injury or death caused by the negligent or wrongful act or omission of any employee of the Government while acting within the scope of his office or employment, under circumstances where the United States, if a private person, would be liable to the claimant in accordance with the law of the place where the act or omission occurred."

Approved April 25, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 93]

## AN ACT

May 6, 1949  
[H. R. 4152]  
[Public Law 56]

To approve repayment contracts negotiated with the Bitter Root irrigation district, the Shasta View irrigation district, the Okanogan irrigation district, the Willwood irrigation district, the Uncompahgre Valley Water Users' Association, and the Kittitas reclamation district, to authorize their execution, and for other purposes.

Irrigation districts.  
Approval of repayment contracts.

53 Stat. 1192.  
43 U. S. C. § 485f  
(a), (c).

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the contracts referred to in sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this Act, which have been negotiated by the Secretary of the Interior and reported on as provided in subsections (a) and (c) of section 7 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), are hereby approved and the