

Personal property tax on vehicles not affected. Vol. 42, p. 668.

Regulations, penalties, etc., to be prescribed.

(d) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting the application to motor vehicles of the personal property tax in force at the time of the enactment of this Act, which personal property tax shall continue to be levied, assessed, and collected on motor vehicles.

SEC. 18. That the Commissioners may make such regulations as in their judgment are necessary for the administration of this Act and may affix thereto such fines and penalties as in their judgment are necessary to enforce such regulations (in cases in which a penalty is not otherwise provided by law).

Approved, April 23, 1924.

April 26, 1924. [S. J. Res. 52.] [Pub. Res., No. 13.]

New Mexico drought-stricken farm areas. Loans to farmers in, for purchase of seed, etc.

Terms and conditions.

Use for designated crops, and to be a prior lien thereon.

Lien deemed sufficient security.

Agencies to be designated.

Use of funds restricted.

Appropriation.

Punishment for false representations, etc.

CHAP. 132.—Joint Resolution For the relief of the drought-stricken farm areas of New Mexico.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized, for the spring and fall planting of 1924, to make advances or loans to farmers in the drought-stricken areas of New Mexico, where he shall find that special need exists for such assistance, for the purchase of seed and feed for actual farming purposes, not including the purchase of equipment, as he may find need for the cultivation of farm lands within the said State, not to exceed in any instance the sum of \$6 per acre. Such advances or loans shall be made upon such terms and conditions and subject to such regulations as the Secretary of Agriculture shall prescribe, including an agreement by each farmer to use the money obtained by him for the production of such crops as the Secretary of Agriculture may designate and to give a valid lien on the growing crops to be produced from money obtained through such loan or advance in manner and form as required by the laws of New Mexico, which said lien, when recorded, shall have priority in payment over all other liens or encumbrances of whatsoever kind on such crops. A first lien on the crop to be produced from money obtained through this loan or advance made under this Act shall, in the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture, be deemed sufficient security therefor. All such loans or advances shall be made through such agencies as the Secretary of Agriculture shall designate, and in no instance shall any portion of funds obtained through the administration of this Act be used for the payment of obligations other than those incurred under the regulations as provided by the Secretary of Agriculture in the administration and in accordance with the provisions herein contained.

SEC. 2. That for the purposes of this Act there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000,000, to be immediately available, and not more than \$10,000 may be used in the District of Columbia by the Secretary of Agriculture in the administration of this Act.

SEC. 3. That any person who shall knowingly make any false representation for the purpose of obtaining a loan or advance under the foregoing section upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding \$1,000 or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both.

Approved, April 26, 1924.

April 26, 1924. [H. J. Res. 247.] [Pub. Res., No. 14.]

Department of Agriculture.

CHAP. 133.—Joint Resolution Making an additional appropriation for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal years 1924 and 1925.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise

appropriated, for personal services and other expenditures in the District of Columbia and elsewhere in connection with the arrest and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, contagious pleuropneumonia, or other contagious or infectious disease of animals, including the payment of claims growing out of past and future purchases and destruction, in cooperation with the States, of animals affected by or exposed to, or of materials contaminated by or exposed to, any such disease, wherever found and irrespective of ownership, under like or substantially similar circumstances, when such owner has complied with all lawful quarantine regulations, and including necessary investigations to determine whether such diseases have been completely eradicated in districts where they previously existed; such sum to be expended by the Secretary of Agriculture when, in his judgment, an emergency exists which threatens the livestock industry of the country, and to remain available until June 30, 1925: *Provided*, That the payment for animals hereafter purchased may be made on an appraisal based on the meat, dairy, or breeding value, but in case of appraisal based on breeding value no appraisal of any animal shall exceed three times its meat or dairy value, and, except in case of an extraordinary emergency, to be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture, the payment by the United States Government for any animal shall not exceed one-half of any such appraisal.

Approved, April 26, 1924.

Additional appropriation for arresting, etc., contagious diseases of animals.

*Ante*, p. 40.  
*Post*, pp. 453, 851.

Payment of claims for animals destroyed, etc.

Discretionary expenditure.

*Proviso*.  
Appraisal of value of animals, etc.

**CHAP. 134.**—An Act For the relief of dispossessed allotted Indians of the Nisqually Reservation, Washington.

April 28, 1924.  
[S. 1704.]

[Public, No. 105.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$85,000, in full settlement of the claims against the United States of twenty-five heads of families of the Nisqually Reservation in Washington, said sum being compensation for the difference between the appraised value and the compromise price paid for approximately three thousand three hundred acres of allotted Indian land taken for military purposes, and for surrender of treaty rights and removal expenses, as set out in Senate Document Numbered 243, Sixty-sixth Congress, second session, containing the report dated February 23, 1920, of the Acting Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved June 30, 1919 (Forty-first Statutes at Large, pages 3-28).

Nisqually Indian Reservation, Wash.  
Payment authorized to dispossessed allottees for lands taken for military purposes, etc.

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**SEC. 2.** That said sum of \$85,000 hereby authorized to be appropriated shall be expended, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, for the benefit of the said dispossessed families or individual Indians, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe.

Expenditure of authorized amount for benefit of Indians.  
*Post*, p. 684.

Approved, April 28, 1924.

**CHAP. 135.**—An Act To authorize the leasing for mining purposes of unallotted lands in the Kaw Reservation in the State of Oklahoma.

April 28, 1924.  
[S. 2708.]

[Public, No. 106.]

*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 be, and he is hereby, authorized to lease for mining purposes lands reserved from allotment to be used as a cemetery and not needed for that purpose, and lands reserved for school and agency purposes in the Kaw Reservation in the State of Oklahoma, and for the use and benefit of the members of the

Kaw Indian Reservation, Okla.  
Lease for mining purposes of lands in, for benefit of Kansas Indians.