

[CHAPTER 53]

AN ACT

February 10, 1942
[H. R. 6356]
[Public Law 446]

To amend the Act approved October 24, 1941, entitled "An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to provide salvage facilities, and for other purposes" (Public Law Numbered 280, Seventy-seventh Congress), so as to remove the limitation on the sum authorized to be appropriated annually to effectuate the purposes of the Act.

Navy, salvage facilities.
55 Stat. 745.
46 U. S. C., Supp. I,
§ 732 note.

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 approved October 24, 1941, entitled "An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to provide salvage facilities, and for other purposes" (Public Law Numbered 280, Seventy-seventh Congress), be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Appropriation authorized.
Post, p. 230.

"SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such funds as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act."

Approved, February 10, 1942.

[CHAPTER 54]

AN ACT

February 10, 1942
[S. 294]
[Public Law 447]

To authorize an appropriation for payment to the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District of construction costs assessed against certain lands within such district acquired by the United States for the benefit of certain Indians in the State of New Mexico.

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, N. Mex.
Appropriation authorized for payment to.
Post, p. 716.

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 \$22,415.43, to be expended by the Secretary of the Interior for the purpose of paying to the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, a corporate political subdivision of the State of New Mexico, that part of the cost of works constructed by such district which was assessed against four hundred and eighty-three and twenty-nine one-hundredths acres, more or less, of lands, in addition to the lands covered by the contract of December 14, 1928, between the district and the Secretary of the Interior, executed pursuant to the Act of March 13, 1928 (45 Stat. 312), in Sandoval County within such district as its proportionate share of the cost of construction of such works; such lands having been acquired by the United States for and on behalf of the Pueblo Indians of Cochiti, Santo Domingo, San Felipe, and Santa Ana subsequent to their assessment for construction costs but without the payment of the assessments thereon.

Liquidation of certain liens.

SEC. 2. The unexpended balance of the amount appropriated by the Act of May 10, 1939 (53 Stat. 685-701), for final payment to the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District on account of Pueblo Indian lands benefited by the works constructed by the district is hereby made available for payment to the district to liquidate liens against three hundred and twenty and sixty-five one-hundredths acres in addition to lands covered by the contract of December 14, 1928, *supra*, representing unpaid construction assessments at the time the lands were purchased for the Indians.

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[CHAPTER 55]

AN ACT

To increase the earnings of the United States Government life-insurance fund and the national service life-insurance fund by expediting the investment of the moneys thereof, and for other purposes.

February 10, 1942
[S. 1045]
[Public Law 448]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all cash balances in the United States Government life-insurance fund and the national service life-insurance fund on the enactment of this Act, together with all moneys thereafter accruing to such funds, including premiums, appropriated moneys, the proceeds of any sales of investments which may be necessary to meet current expenditures, and interest on investments, shall be deposited with the Treasurer of the United States in the disbursing accounts of the Chief Disbursing Officer, Division of Disbursement, and shall thereupon be available for disbursement for meeting all expenditures and making investments authorized to be made from such funds without covering into the Treasury of the United States and withdrawal on money requisitions. All necessary bookkeeping adjustments of such funds in the accounts on the books of the Treasury shall be made upon the basis of the settlement of disbursing accounts by the General Accounting Office.

U. S. Government
and national service
life-insurance funds.
Disbursement and
investment.

Bookkeeping ad-
justments.

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[CHAPTER 56]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of June 11, 1940 (Public, Numbered 590, Seventy-sixth Congress, third session), providing for the relief of Indians who have paid taxes on allotted land.

February 10, 1942
[S. 1412]
[Public Law 449]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of June 11, 1940 (Public, Numbered 590, Seventy-sixth Congress, ch. 315, third session), be, and the same is hereby, amended to read:

54 Stat. 298.
25 U. S. C. § 352c.

"The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to reimburse Indian allottees, or Indian heirs or Indian devisees of allottees, for all taxes paid, including penalties and interest, on so much of their allotted lands as have been patented in fee prior to the expiration of the period of trust without application by or consent of the patentee: *Provided*, That if the Indian allottee, or his or her Indian heirs or Indian devisees, have by their own act accepted such patent, no reimbursement shall be made for taxes paid, including penalties and interest, subsequent to acceptance of the patent: *Provided further*, That the fact of such acceptance shall be determined by the Secretary of the Interior.

Reimbursement of
Indian allottees.

Provisos.
Acceptance of pat-
ent.

"In any case in which a claim against a State, county, or political subdivision thereof, for taxes collected upon such lands during the trust period has been reduced to judgment and such judgment remains unsatisfied in whole or in part, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized, upon reimbursement by him to the Indian of the amount of taxes including penalties and interest paid thereon, and upon payment by the judgment debtor of the costs of the suit, to cause such judgment to be released: *Provided further*, That in any case, upon submission of adequate proof, the claims for taxes paid by or on behalf of the patentee or his Indian heirs or Indian devisees have been satisfied, in whole or in part, by the State, county, or political subdivision thereof, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to reimburse the State, county, or political subdivision for such amounts as may have been paid by them."

Release of judg-
ments.

Proviso.
Reimbursement of
States, etc.