

[CHAPTER 328]

AN ACT

To authorize the payment of certain sums to jobbers in connection with their logging of timber for the Menominee Indians on the Menominee Reservation during the logging season 1934-1935, and for other purposes.

July 25, 1947
[H. R. 2484]
[Public Law 240]

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 and directed to pay to the Menominee Indian Mills to the credit of the several accounts of Herman J. Fredenberg; Walter J. Peters, Senior; Charles J. Frechette; Joe Gristeau, Junior; James Tebeau; Joe Caldwell, Senior; John R. Pecore; Roy Oshkosh; Louis Tucker, Junior; James Warrington; Alexander Waupoose; Bernard Grignon; Earl Vaughn; Louis Washinawatok; Reuben Long; Nahpone Perote; George Smith; Paul Vigue, Senior, and Louis Vigue, operating as a partnership; Dan Wescott and Paul Vigue, Junior, operating as a partnership; and the estates of George Irving; Louis Kinepoway; John Tucker, Senior; Dominic Worden; John Mosehart; George Caldwell, John Okimosh; Anton Shawanometta; Mrs. Lillian Oshkosh, Louis Corn out of the Menominee 4 per centum fund, the sum of \$1 for each one thousand feet of timber respectively logged by said parties on the Menominee Reservation during the logging season of 1934-1935 according to the schedule prepared by the Menominee Indian Mills which schedule shall be approved by the general council of the Menominee Tribe. Said amounts shall be credited against the amounts, if any, respectively owed the Menominee Indian Mills by said parties without taking into account any procedural defenses of a personal nature which might have been interposed in an action at law to collect such debts, and the balance, if any, shall be paid to said parties or their heirs: *Provided, however,* That the foregoing amounts shall be in full payment of any and all claims which said parties may claim to have by reason of promises made by officers of the Menominee Indian Mills for the logging of timber during the logging season of 1934-1935.

Menominee Indian
Mills.
Payment for logging
of timber.

Settlement of
claims.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior, or his duly authorized representative, is hereby authorized with the concurrence of the general council of the Menominee Indian Tribe to cancel any balance still due to the Menominee Indian Mills by any of the jobbers listed in section 1, after the amount allowable under the said section has been credited, if in his judgment the balance of the claim is uncollectible or inequitable.

Cancellation of bal-
ance due.

SEC. 3. The said Secretary, or his duly authorized representative, with the concurrence of the advisory council of the Menominee Indian Tribe may cancel other obligations due or which may become due to the Menominee Indian Mills when in his judgment such obligations are uncollectible.

Cancellation of
other obligations.

Approved July 25, 1947.

[CHAPTER 329]

AN ACT

To amend Public Law 301, Seventy-ninth Congress, approved February 18, 1946, so as to extend the benefits of the Missing Persons Act, approved March 7, 1942 (56 Stat. 143), as amended, to certain members of the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines.

July 25, 1947
[H. R. 3191]
[Public Law 241]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sentence under the heading entitled "Transfer of Appropriations", contained in title II of the First Supplemental Surplus Appropriation Rescission Act, 1946 (Public Law 301, Seventy-ninth Congress, approved

60 Stat. 14.
38 U. S. C. § 38.

50 U. S. C. app. §§
1001-1017; 5 U. S. C.
§§ 693 and note, 691,
715; 34 U. S. C. § 943
and note.

Ante, p. 453.

60 Stat. 6.

February 18, 1946), is hereby amended by striking out the period at the end of the sentence and inserting the following: “, and (3) the Missing Persons Act, approved March 7, 1942 (56 Stat. 143), as amended.”

SEC. 2. The Secretary of War is authorized to reconsider claims upon which payment has been denied by reason of section 1 of this Act having been omitted from the First Supplemental Appropriation Rescission Act of 1946 (Public Law 301, Seventy-ninth Congress, approved February 18, 1946).

Approved July 25, 1947.

[CHAPTER 330]

AN ACT

July 25, 1947
[S. 1262]
[Public Law 242]

To provide a central authority for standardizing geographic names for the purpose of eliminating duplication in standardizing such names among the Federal departments, and for other purposes.

Uniformity in geo-
graphic nomenclature
and orthography.

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, hereinafter called the Secretary, conjointly with the Board on Geographic Names, as hereinafter provided, shall provide for uniformity in geographic nomenclature and orthography throughout the Federal Government. The Secretary may exercise his functions through such officials as he may designate, except that such authority as relates to the final approval or review of actions of the Board on Geographic Names shall be exercised by him, or his Under or Assistant Secretaries.

Board on Geograph-
ic Names.

SEC. 2. There is hereby established a Board on Geographic Names, hereinafter called the Board. The membership of the Board shall include one representative from each of the Departments of State, War, Navy, Post Office, Interior, Agriculture, and Commerce, and from the Government Printing Office, and the Library of Congress. The Board may also include representatives from such Federal agencies as the Secretary, upon recommendation of the Board, shall from time to time find desirable, even though these agencies are in the departments otherwise represented on the Board. The members of the Board shall be appointed by the respective heads of the departments or independent agencies that they represent. Each member shall be appointed for a two-year term but may be reappointed to successive terms. The members of the Board shall serve without additional compensation. The Board shall nominate a Chairman to be appointed by the Secretary, and shall establish such working committees as are found desirable.

Appointment of
members.

Formulation of
principles, policies,
etc.

SEC. 3. The Board, subject to the approval of the Secretary, shall formulate principles, policies, and procedures to be followed with reference to both domestic and foreign geographic names; and shall decide the standard names and their orthography for official use. The principles, policies, and procedures formulated hereunder shall be designed to serve the interests of the Federal Government and the general public, to enlist the effective cooperation of the Federal departments and agencies most concerned, and to give full consideration to the specific interests of particular Federal and State agencies. Action may be taken by the Secretary in any matter wherein the Board does not act within a reasonable time. The Board may make such recommendations to the Secretary as it finds appropriate in connection with this Act.

Studies and investi-
gations.

SEC. 4. The Secretary shall cause such studies and investigations to be made and such records to be kept as may be necessary or desirable in carrying out the purposes of this Act, and he shall provide a place