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CHAP. 31.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the payment of salaries of the officers and employees of Congress for December, 1928, on the 20th day of that month.

December 15, 1928.
[H. J. Res. 346.]
[Pub. Res., No. 72.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives are authorized and directed to pay to the officers and employees of the Senate and House of Representatives, including the Capitol police, the office of legislative counsel, and employees paid on vouchers under authority of resolutions, their respective salaries for the month of December, 1928, on the 20th day of that month.

Congressional employees, etc., to be paid December salaries December 20, 1928.

Approved, December 15, 1928.

CHAP. 36.—An Act Conferring jurisdiction upon the Court of Claims to hear, examine, adjudicate, and enter judgment thereon in claims which the Winnebago Tribe of Indians may have against the United States, and for other purposes.

December 17, 1928.
[H. R. 7346.]
[Public, No. 638.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction be, and is hereby, conferred upon the Court of Claims, with the right of appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States by either party as in other cases, to hear, examine, and adjudicate and render judgment in any and all legal and equitable claims arising under or growing out of the treaty of February 27, 1855 (Tenth Statutes, page 1172), and the Act of February 21, 1863 (Twelfth Statutes, page 658), or arising under or growing out of any subsequent Act of Congress, Executive order, or treaty which said Winnebago Tribe of Indians, or any band thereof, may have against the United States, which claims have not heretofore been determined and adjudicated on their merits by the Court of Claims or the Supreme Court of the United States.

Winnebago Indians. Claims of, against United States submitted to Court of Claims.
Vol. 10, p. 1172; Vol. 12, p. 658.

SEC. 2. Any and all claims against the United States within the purview of this Act shall be forever barred unless suit be instituted or petition filed as herein provided in the Court of Claims within three years from the date of the approval of this Act, and such suit shall make the Winnebago Indians, or any band thereof, party plaintiff and the United States party defendant. The petitions shall be verified by the attorney or attorneys employed to prosecute such claim or claims under contract with said Winnebago Indians approved in accordance with existing law; and said contract shall be executed in their behalf by a committee or committees to be selected by said Winnebago Indians as hereinafter provided. Official letters, papers, documents, and records, or certified copies thereof, may be used in evidence, and the departments of the Government shall give access to the attorney or attorneys of said Winnebago Indians to such treaties, papers, correspondence, and records as they may require in the prosecution of any suit instituted under this Act.

Time for filing suit.

Verification.

Evidence admitted.

SEC. 3. In said suit or suits the court shall hear, examine, and adjudicate any claims which the United States may have against said Winnebago Indians, and any payment, including gratuities, which the United States may have made to said Indians prior to the date of adjudication, shall not operate as an estoppel but may be pleaded as an offset in such suit.

Consideration of counterclaims.

SEC. 4. If it be determined by the court that the United States in violation of the terms and provisions of any law, treaty, Executive order, or agreement as provided in section 1 hereof, has unlawfully appropriated or disposed of any money or other property belonging to the Indians, the damages therefor shall be confined

Decision of court that money, etc., have been unlawfully taken, etc., confined to the value at time thereof.