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who were prevented during the year 1925 from harvesting their hay because of quarantine restrictions against the spread of the hoof and mouth disease: *Provided*, That the allowance made on any such claim shall not exceed the amount paid thereon by the Livestock Sanitary Commission of Texas, pursuant to an act of the State legislature approved October 6, 1926. There is hereby appropriated, from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sufficient amount, not to exceed $218,177.50, to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to pay such of the claims as may be allowed by the Comptroller General: *Provided*, That no part of the amount of any item appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, on account of services rendered in connection with said claim. It shall be unlawful for any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, to exact, collect, withhold, or receive any sum which in the aggregate exceeds 10 per centum of the amount of any item appropriated in this Act on account of services rendered in connection with said claim, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1,000.

Provisos.
Allowance limited.

Appropriation for paying allowed claims.

Maximum allowance to attorneys for services.

Receiving in excess, unlawful.

Penalty for.

Approved, February 11, 1929.

February 11, 1929.
[S. 3581.]
[Public, No. 719.]

CHAP. 173.—An Act Authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to settle claims and suits against the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they hereby are, empowered to settle, in their discretion, claims and suits, either at law or in equity, against the District of Columbia whenever the cause of action—

District of Columbia.
Claims against, to be settled by the Commissioners.

(a) Arises out of the negligence or wrongful act, either of commission or omission, of any officer or employee of the District of Columbia for whose negligence or acts the District of Columbia is prima facie liable to respond in damages.

Negligent acts, etc., of employees.

(b) Arises out of the existence of facts and circumstances which place the claim or suit within the doctrines and principles of law decided by the courts of the District of Columbia or by the Supreme Court of the United States to be controlling in the District of Columbia.

Where District legally responsible.

SEC. 2. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized and empowered to grant relief in claims for refund of taxes paid, or for cancellation of assessments heretofore made and subsequent to September 1, 1916, in such cases where like assessments, or assessments against property of similar character, have been held to be void or erroneous by decision of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, or the Supreme Court of the United States: *Provided*, That any claims for refunds of taxes heretofore paid or for cancellations of assessments heretofore made shall be filed within one year from the approval of this Act.

Refund of taxes, etc., erroneously assessed subsequent to September 1, 1916.

Proviso.
Time for filing, required.

Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed as reducing the period of the statute of limitations.

Statute of limitations not reduced.

SEC. 3. No settlement of any claim or cause of action herein authorized to be made by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall in any event exceed the sum of $5,000 and all settlements entered into by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia acting under the terms and provisions of this Act shall be presented

Limit of amount.

Report to Congress.

to the Congress, together with a brief statement of the nature of the claim or suit, the amount claimed, and the amount of the settlement, with a summary of the evidence and circumstances under which the settlement was made. Appropriations for the payment of such settlements are hereby authorized, payment thereof to be made in the same manner as are other expenditures for the District of Columbia.

Appropriations authorized.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage, but nothing herein contained shall be construed as prohibiting the Commissioners of the District of Columbia from proceeding according to the terms and provisions hereof to settle any claim or suit pending at the time of the enactment hereof, irrespective of the date of presentation of the claim to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia or the date of the filing of the suit.

Effective date.
Action on pending claims.

Approved, February 11, 1929.

February 11, 1929.
[S. 5146.]
[Public, No. 720.]

CHAP. 174.—An Act To reserve certain lands on the public domain in Santa Fe County, New Mexico, for the use and benefit of the Indians of the San Ildefonso Pueblo.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the vacant, unappropriated, and undisposed of lands within the unsurveyed area in township 19 north, range 7 east, New Mexico principal meridian, New Mexico, identified as a narrow strip, a little more than one and one-half miles wide and four miles long, running north and south, lying between the western boundary of the San Ildefonso Pueblo grant on the east and the eastern boundary of a portion of the Santa Fe National Forest on the west, be and they are hereby reserved for the sole use and benefit of the Indians of the San Ildefonso Pueblo: *Provided*, That the rights and claims of any bona fide settler initiated under the public land laws prior to July 27, 1928, the date of withdrawal of the lands from all forms of entry, shall not be affected by this Act.

Public lands.
Tract reserved for San Ildefonso Pueblo Indians, N. Mex.

Proviso.
Rights of bona fide settlers not affected.

Approved, February 11, 1929.

February 11, 1929.
[S. 5147.]
[Public, No. 721.]

CHAP. 175.—An Act To reserve nine hundred and twenty acres on the public domain for the use and benefit of the Kanosh Band of Indians residing in the vicinity of Kanosh, Utah.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That nine hundred and twenty acres of land described as the east half west half, west half southwest quarter section 1; east half southwest quarter section 10; northeast quarter section 11; southeast quarter northwest quarter section 12; southwest quarter section 23; east half east half, west half southwest quarter section 27; all in township 23 south, range 5 west, Salt Lake meridian, Utah, be and the same is hereby reserved for the sole use and occupancy of the Kanosh Band of Indians in Utah: *Provided*, That the rights and claims of any bona fide settler initiated under the public land laws prior to October 27, 1928, the date of withdrawal of lands, from all form of entry, shall not be affected by this Act.

Public lands.
Reserved for Kanosh Band of Indians, Utah.

Proviso.
Rights of bona fide settlers not affected.

Approved, February 11, 1929.