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CHAP. 376.—An Act To authorize the improvement of the Oregon Caves in the Siskiyou National Forest, Oregon.

February 28, 1929.
[S. 3162.]
[Public, No. 853.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to construct and maintain such improvements within and near the Oregon Caves in the Siskiyou National Forest, Oregon, as are necessary for the comfort and convenience of the visiting public, including the purchase of materials and equipment for lighting the caves and washing the interior thereof, and providing easier accessibility and traversibility thereof, and providing an additional exit or entrance, and for installing such materials and equipment; and for the aforesaid purposes the sum of not more than $35,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Oregon Caves, in Siskiyou Forest, Oregon.

Improvements authorized in, for visiting public.

Sum authorized.

Approved, February 28, 1929.

CHAP. 377.—An Act Conferring jurisdiction upon the Court of Claims to hear, adjudicate, and render judgment in claims which the northwestern bands of Shoshone Indians may have against the United States.

February 28, 1929.
[S. 710.]
[Public, No. 854.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction be, and hereby is, conferred upon the Court of Claims, notwithstanding lapse of time or statutes of limitations, to hear, adjudicate, and render judgment in any and all claims which the northwestern bands of Shoshone Indians may have against the United States arising under or growing out of the treaty of July 2, 1863 (Eighteenth Statutes, page 685–2 Kappler, 848); treaty of July 30, 1863 (Thirteenth Statutes, page 863–2 Kappler, 850); Act of Congress approved December 15, 1874 (Eighteenth Statutes, page 291), and any subsequent treaty Act of Congress, or Executive order, 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.

Shoshone Indians. Claims of northwestern bands of, submitted to Court of Claims.

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SEC. 2. That 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 five years from the date of the approval of this Act; and such suit shall make the northwestern bands of Shoshone Indians party plaintiff and the United States party defendant. The petition shall be verified by the attorney or attorneys employed to prosecute such claims under contract with the northwestern bands of Shoshone Indians, approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior as provided by law. 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 for said Indians to such treaties, papers, correspondence, or records as may be needed by the attorney or attorneys for said Indians.

Time for filing.

Verification.

Evidence admitted.

SEC. 3. That in said suit the Court of Claims shall also hear, examine, consider, and adjudicate all claims which the United States may have against the said northwestern bands of Shoshone Indians. Any payment which may have been made by the United States, including gratuities for the benefit of any band or bands of said Indians or for their support and civilization, shall not operate as an estoppel, but may be pleaded as a set-off in said suit.

Counterclaims admitted.

Set-offs, etc.

SEC. 4. That from the decision of the Court of Claims in any suit prosecuted under the authority of this Act an appeal may be

Appeals allowed.