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Option to citizens who have occupied property for more than 15 years under lease from War Department, to buy at appraised value.

Secretary of War may, in his discretion, extend to citizens of the United States who have themselves or whose predecessors in interest have occupied and improved portions of such reservations under leases from or with the consent of the War Department for more than fifteen years prior to the approval of this Act, an option to buy the portions of such reservations so occupied and improved at the appraised value of the land exclusive of improvements placed thereon; and the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to convey title to such persons by quitclaim deed upon payment of the appraised value of any such portions: *Provided further*, That in carrying out the provisions of this section the Secretary of War shall not incur any expense other than that incident and necessary to giving the notices required and surveying and platting such of the property as may be claimed by a citizen of the United States."

Expenses limited.

Approved, May 26, 1928.

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May 26, 1928.
[H. R. 12624.]
[Public, No. 551.]

**CHAP. 787.**—An Act To amend section 17 of the Act of June 10, 1922, entitled "An Act to readjust the pay and allowances of the commissioned and enlisted personnel of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Service," as amended.

Pay readjustment, Army, etc.
Vol. 42, p. 632, amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 17 of the Act approved June 10, 1922, entitled "An Act to readjust the pay and allowances of the commissioned and enlisted personnel of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Service," as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words "provided in this Act," and before the next proviso, line 3 of said section, the following: " which pay shall include increases for all active duty performed since retirement in the computation of their longevity pay and pay periods."

Retired pay.
Active duty since retirement included in longevity pay, etc.

And after the phrase, " receive full pay and allowances," at the end of the last line of said section, by changing the period to a comma and inserting thereafter the following: " and when on active-duty status, shall have the same pay and allowance rights while on leave of absence or sick as officers on the active list, and if death occurs when on active-duty status, while on leave of absence or sick, their dependents shall not thereby be deprived of the benefits provided in Act approved December 17, 1919, as amended, and in the Act of June 4, 1920: *Provided*, That no back pay or allowances shall accrue by reason of the passage of this Act."

Pay, etc., while on leave or sick, as officers on active duty.
Benefits to dependents, if dying on leave or sick.
Vol. 41, pp. 367, 785.

*Proviso.*
No back pay, etc.

Approved, May 26, 1928.

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May 28, 1928.
[S. 3593.]
[Public, No. 552.]

**CHAP. 811.**—An Act To authorize the leasing or sale of lands reserved for agency, schools, and other purposes on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Montana.

Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Mont.
Sale or lease of reserved agency, etc., lands with consent of the Indians.
Vol. 44, p. 1402.

*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 to lease or sell any of the tribal lands on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, Montana, the lands that were reserved and title thereto reinvested in the Indians by the Act of March 3, 1927 (Forty-fourth Statutes at Large, page 1402), and now reserved for agency, schools, and other purposes, upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe with the consent and approval of the Indians through the general council of the Fort Peck Indians in the State of Montana at general council meeting when duly called and assembled: *Provided*, That no part

*Provisos.*