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the powers conferred by section 2, 3, 4, or 6 of this Act; and in no case shall any pipe line constructed, extended, or completed under authority of section 4 be operated or maintained by or under the direction or control of the President or any department or agency of the Government after the expiration of one year after the termination of the unlimited national emergency proclaimed in the proclamation issued by the President of the United States on May 27, 1941.

6 F. R. 2617.

Approved, July 30, 1941.

[CHAPTER 334]

July 30, 1941
[S. 1120]
[Public Law 198]

AN ACT

For the acquisition of Indian lands for the Central Valley project, and for other purposes.

Central Valley project, Calif.
Acquisition of Indian lands for.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in aid of the construction of the Central Valley project, authorized by the Acts of April 8, 1935 (49 Stat. 115), and August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 850), there is hereby granted to the United States, subject to the provisions of this Act, (a) all the right, title, and interest of the Indians in and to the tribal and allotted lands within the area embraced by the Central Valley project, including sites of agency and school buildings and related structures, as may be designated therefor by the Secretary of the Interior from time to time, and (b) such other interests in or to any of such lands and property as may be required and as may be designated by the Secretary of the Interior from time to time for the construction of reservoirs, canals, ditches, pipe lines, highways, railroads, telegraph, telephone, and electric-transmission lines in connection with the project, or for the relocation or reconstruction of such facilities made necessary by the construction of the project.

Compensation for lands, etc.

SEC. 2. As lands or interests in lands are designated from time to time under this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall determine the amount of money to be paid to the Indians as just and equitable compensation therefor. As to the tribal lands, the amounts so determined shall be transferred in the Treasury of the United States from the funds now or hereafter made available for the construction of the Central Valley project to the credit of the appropriate tribe pursuant to the provisions of the Act of May 17, 1926 (44 Stat. 560). The amounts due individual landowners or their heirs or devisees shall be paid from funds now or hereafter made available for the construction of said project to the superintendent of the appropriate Indian Agency or such other officer as shall be designated by the Secretary of the Interior for credit on the books of such agency to the accounts of the individuals concerned.

25 U. S. C. § 155.

Use of funds for other acquisitions.

SEC. 3. Funds deposited to the credit of allottees, their heirs, or devisees may be used, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, for the acquisition of other lands and improvements, or the relocation of existing improvements or construction of new improvements on the lands so acquired for the allottees or heirs whose lands and improvements are acquired under the provisions of this Act. Lands so acquired shall be held in the same status as those from which the funds were derived, and shall be nontaxable until otherwise provided by Congress.

Indian cemetery lands.

SEC. 4. As to any Indian cemetery lands required for the project, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized, in his discretion, in lieu

of requiring payment therefor, to establish cemeteries on other lands that he may select and acquire for the purpose, and to remove bodies, markers, and other appurtenances to the new sites. All costs incurred in connection with any such relocation shall be paid from moneys appropriated for the project. All right, title, and interest of the Indians in the lands within any cemetery so relocated shall terminate and the grant of title under this Act take effect as of the date the Secretary of the Interior authorizes the relocation. Sites of the relocated cemeteries shall be held in trust by the United States for the appropriate tribe, or family, as the case may be, and shall be nontaxable.

Authority of Secretary of Interior.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to perform any and all acts and to prescribe such regulations as he may deem appropriate to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved, July 30, 1941.

[CHAPTER 335]

JOINT RESOLUTION

July 30, 1941
[S. J. Res. 1]
[Public Law 199]

Directing the Comptroller General to readjust the account between the United States and the State of Vermont.

State of Vermont. Audit of claim.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Comptroller General of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to audit the claim of the State of Vermont with respect to advances and expenditures made by such State for military purposes during the War of 1812–1815, with Great Britain, and after applying the rules of evidence and settlement to this class of claims, provided for in resolution of May 14, 1836 (5 Stat. L. 132), and in section 12 of the Act approved March 3, 1857 (11 Stat. L. 229), to submit to the Senate a report containing the results of an audit of such claim, in conformity with said rules, and to certify to Congress for an appropriation the balance found due the State of Vermont.

Report, etc.

Approved, July 30, 1941.

[CHAPTER 346]

AN ACT

August 1, 1941
[H. R. 1073]
[Public Law 200]

To amend the Classification Act of 1923, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

Classification Act of 1923, amendments. 42 Stat. 1488. 5 U. S. C., ch. 13.

SEC. 2. Section 7 of the said Act is hereby amended by inserting the letter "(a)" after the figure "7" at the beginning of said section, and by adding the following paragraphs as subsections thereof:

42 Stat. 1490. 5 U. S. C. § 667.

"(b) All employees compensated on a per annum basis, and occupying permanent positions within the scope of the compensation schedules fixed by this Act, who have not attained the maximum rate of compensation for the grade in which their positions are respectively allocated, shall be advanced in compensation successively to the next higher rate within the grade at the beginning of the next quarter, following the completion of: (1) Each eighteen months of service if such employees are in grades in which the compensation increments are $60 or $100, or (2) each thirty months of service if such

Compensation advancements within grade.

Periods.