

[CHAPTER 834]

AN ACT

To authorize the commutation of the annual appropriation for fulfilling various treaties with the Choctaw Nation of Indians in Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

September 1, 1950
[H. R. 6209]
[Public Law 747]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$350,666.67 for the purpose of commuting to the said sum of \$350,666.67 the annual appropriation, amounting to \$10,520, made for the purpose of fulfilling the following treaties with the Choctaw Indians of Oklahoma: For permanent annuity (article 2, treaty of November 16, 1805, and article 13, treaty of June 22, 1855), \$3,000; for permanent annuity for support of light horsemen (article 13, treaty of October 18, 1820, and article 13, treaty of June 22, 1855), \$600; for permanent annuity for support of blacksmith (article 6, treaty of October 18, 1820, and article 9, treaty of January 20, 1825, and article 13, treaty of June 22, 1855), \$600; for permanent annuity for education (article 2, treaty of January 20, 1825, and article 13, treaty of June 22, 1855), \$6,000; for permanent annuity for iron and steel (article 9, treaty of January 20, 1825, and article 13, treaty of June 22, 1855), \$320. The said sum of \$350,666.67, when appropriated, shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Choctaw Nation.

Choctaw Indians, Okla.
Appropriation authorized to fulfill certain treaties.

7 Stat. 99; 11 Stat. 614; 7 Stat. 213.

7 Stat. 212, 236.

7 Stat. 235.

SEC. 2. The commutation provided for in section 1 of this Act shall be contingent upon the approval of such commutation by a majority of the votes cast by the enrolled members of the Choctaw Nation in a referendum election conducted by the Secretary of the Interior under such rules and regulations as he shall, with the concurrence of the principal chief of the said nation, prescribe.

Approval of commutation.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior is directed to distribute per capita to the enrolled members of the Choctaw Nation, entitled under existing law to share in the funds of such nation, or to their lawful heirs or devisees determined in the manner prescribed in section 4 of the contract ratified by the Act of June 24, 1948 (Public Law 754, Eightieth Congress), any or all the funds appropriated pursuant to section 1 of this Act.

Distribution of funds.

62 Stat. 596.

SEC. 4. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, the sum of not to exceed \$5,000 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of conducting the referendum provided for in section 2 of this Act, and of making the per capita payments authorized in section 3 of this Act.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 5. The approval of the commutation as provided in section 2 and the deposit to the credit of the Choctaw Nation of the amount specified in section 1 shall constitute a full and complete discharge of all rights, claims, and demands of any nature whatsoever, whether tangible or intangible and whether or not cognizable in law or in equity, against the United States arising out of any of the annuity provisions of the treaties referred to in section 1.

Approved September 1, 1950.