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May 27, 1954
[H. R. 4475]

AN ACT

For the relief of Curtis W. McPhail.

Curtis W. McPhail.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $5,000, to Curtis W. McPhail, of Seattle, Washington, in full settlement of all claims of said Curtis W. McPhail against the United States arising out of the death of his minor daughter, Susan B. McPhail, as a result of her being struck by an Army truck in Japan, on February 13, 1948: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, 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.

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AN ACT

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue to Robert Graham a patent in fee to certain lands in the State of Mississippi.

Robert Graham.

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 be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to issue to Robert Graham, Shubuta, Mississippi, a patent in fee to the following-described land, to wit: Lots 3 and 4, section 5, township 9 north, range 7 west, Saint Stephens meridian, north of the old Choctaw boundary, Mississippi: *Provided, however*, That the issuance of such patent shall operate only as a conveyance of all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the land described herein, but shall not affect any valid adverse rights of third parties should any such rights exist.

SEC. 2. The tracts of land described by the first section of this Act shall be conveyed upon the payment by the said Robert Graham of the appraised value of the lands, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior, if payment is made within one year after the Secretary has notified the said Robert Graham of the appraised price of the lands. The Secretary shall have the appraisal made on the basis of the value of the lands at the date of appraisal, exclusive of any increased value resulting from the development or improvement of the lands by Robert Graham or his predecessors in interest. In such appraisal, the Secretary shall consider and give full effect to the equities of the said Robert Graham. The patent shall expressly provide that the oil and gas lease entered into between the United States and M. J. Peterson on August 1, 1948, shall continue in effect, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in such lease, until terminated in accordance with the provisions thereof. The patent shall also provide for the assignment to the said Robert Graham of all rights of the United States

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