Public Law 769 CHAPTER 681

AN ACT

July 24, 1956
[H. R. 5838]

To provide that payments be made to certain members of the Pine Ridge Sioux Tribe of Indians as reimbursement for damages suffered as the result of the establishment of the Pine Ridge aerial gunnery range.

Indians.
Pine Ridge Sioux Tribe.
Payment.

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 authorized and directed to pay the sum of $3,500 to the head of each of the one hundred and twenty-five Indian families determined by the report entitled "Investigation of the Pine Ridge Aerial Gunnery Range Taking for the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, United States House of Representatives", submitted by the Department of the Interior on April 10, 1952, in response to a resolution of the Committee on Public Lands of the House of Representatives, adopted March 4, 1950, to have actually been domiciled on August 1, 1942, on the land belonging to the Pine Ridge Sioux Tribe of Indians, South Dakota, which was taken by the Department of the Army in 1942 for the Pine Ridge aerial gunnery range. The Secretary of the Interior shall make such payment of $3,500 to the heirs or devisees of any such head of a family who is deceased. Payment of such sum shall be in full and complete settlement of all claims of such Indians and their heirs or devisees against the United States for damages suffered as a result of being forced to move from their homes, and being forced to relocate and reestablish themselves elsewhere because such lands were taken for an aerial gunnery range and the distribution of funds under this Act shall not be subject to any lien, except for debts owed to the United States or to Indian organizations indebted to the United States, and shall not be taxable.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to carry out the purposes of the first section of this Act the sum of $437,500.

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Public Law 770 CHAPTER 682

AN ACT

July 24, 1956
[H. R. 9246]

To amend the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946 by authorizing payments to survivors of former members for unused leave credit.

Armed Forces.
Leave payment to survivors.
61 Stat. 748.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last sentence of section 4 (c) of the Armed Forces Leave Act of 1946, as added by section 1 of the Act of August 4, 1947 (37 U. S. C. 33 (c)), is amended to read as follows: "Settlement and compensation in accordance with this subsection shall, in the case of a member or former member of the Armed Forces who dies after retirement or discharge and without having received that compensation, be made to the survivors of that member or former member in the manner prescribed in section 6 (b) of this Act."

62. Stat. 506.
37 USC 35.
Effective Date.

SEC. 2. This Act takes effect August 9, 1946. No settlement and compensation may be made under this Act in the case of a member or former member who died before the date of enactment of this Act unless application is made to the Secretary concerned within two years after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 3. Any settlement and compensation made under this Act shall be made from current applicable appropriations.

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