

Public Law 86-505

AN ACT

To amend the Act of April 19, 1950 (64 Stat. 44; 25 U.S.C. 635) to better promote the rehabilitation of the Navajo and Hopi Tribes of Indians, and for other purposes.

June 11, 1960
[S. 2456]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to promote the rehabilitation of the Navajo and Hopi Tribes of Indians and a better utilization of the resources of the Navajo and Hopi Indian Reservations, and for other purposes", approved April 19, 1950 (64 Stat. 46; 25 U.S.C. 635), is amended by inserting "(a)" before the present text and by adding the following subsections (b) and (c):

Navajo and Hopi
Tribes,
Rehabilitation.

"(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, land owned in fee simple by the Navajo Tribe may be leased, sold, or otherwise disposed of by the sole authority of the Navajo Tribal Council, in any manner that similar land in the State in which such land is situated may be leased, sold, or otherwise disposed of by private landowners, and such disposition shall create no liability on the part of the United States.

Lands, disposition.

"(c) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to transfer, upon request of the Navajo Tribal Council, to any corporation owned by the tribe and organized pursuant to State law, or to any municipal corporation organized under State law, legal title to or a leasehold interest in any unallotted lands held for the Navajo Indian Tribe, and thereafter the United States shall have no responsibility or liability for, but on request of the tribe shall render advice and assistance in, the management, use, or disposition of such lands."

SEC. 2. The second sentence of section 1 of the Act of August 9, 1955 (69 Stat. 539), as amended by the Act of September 21, 1959 (73 Stat. 597), is amended by inserting after the words "Agua Caliente (Palm Springs) Reservation" the words "and on the Navajo Reservation".

25 USC 415.

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Public Law 86-506

AN ACT

To authorize the leasing of certain land in Arizona which comprises a part of the Colorado River Indian Reservation, and for other purposes.

June 11, 1960
[S. 2286]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, until a determination has been made of the beneficial ownership of the lands on the Colorado River Reservation, Arizona and California, that were set apart by the United States for the Indians of the Colorado River and its tributaries, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to lease any unassigned lands on the reservation which are located within Arizona and to approve leases made by the holders of assignments heretofore made, for such uses and terms as are authorized by the Act of August 9, 1955 (69 Stat. 539), and by the Act of May 11, 1938 (52 Stat. 347). Income received from such leases of unassigned lands may be expended or advanced by the Secretary for the benefit of the Colorado River Indian tribes and their members. Income received from such leases of assigned lands may be expended or advanced by the Secretary for the benefit of the assignee.

Colorado River
Indian Reserva-
tion, Ariz.-Calif.

Leasing of
lands.

25 USC 415; 25
USC 396a.

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