Public Law 88-545

AN ACT

August 31, 1964
[H. R. 4149]

To provide for the satisfaction of claims arising out of scrip, lieu selection, and similar rights.

Land scrip rights.
Claims.
43 USC 274 note.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, except for military bounty land warrants, all claims and holdings recorded under the Act of August 5, 1955 (69 Stat. 534, 535), which are not satisfied in one of the ways hereafter set forth, shall become null and void on the later of the two following dates: (a) January 1, 1970, or, in the case of soldiers' additional homestead claims, January 1, 1975; (b) at the termination of any transaction initiated pursuant to this Act.

SEC. 2. Prior to July 1, 1966, holders of claims recorded under the Act of August 5, 1955, may apply to the Secretary of the Interior to have conveyed to them, in satisfaction of their claims, such lands as they may, in their applications, designate. The Secretary shall thereafter convey the selected lands if he finds them to be proper, under existing law, for such disposition, and if the claim upon which an application is based is determined to be valid. As used in this Act, the terms "lands" and "land" include any rights or interests therein.

SEC. 3. (a) Prior to January 1, 1967, the Secretary shall classify, for conveyance and exchange for each type of claim recorded under the Act of August 5, 1955, public lands in sufficient quantity so as to provide each holder of such a claim with a reasonable choice of public lands against which to satisfy his claim. The public lands so classified shall be of a value of not less than the average fair market value, determined by the Secretary as of the date patent issued, of those public lands actually conveyed in exchange for each type of claim since August 5, 1955.

(b) Holders of recorded claims may apply for reasonably compact areas of land so classified, and, upon his determination that the claim upon which an application is based is valid, the Secretary shall convey such lands to the applicant.

SEC. 4. Prior to January 1, 1968, the Secretary shall, by registered mail or certified mail sent to the address of record of each person having an unsatisfied claim, offer in satisfaction of such claim lands of a value of not less than the average fair market value of those public lands actually conveyed in exchange for each type of claim since August 5, 1955. Fair market value shall be determined in the manner prescribed in section 3 of this Act. Upon acceptance of the offer, the Secretary shall convey the lands to the claimant, if he determines that the claim is valid.

SEC. 5. In respect of any type of claim recorded under the Act of August 5, 1955, not more than three conveyances of public lands in exchange for which have taken place since that date, the Secretary shall determine the type of claim which it most nearly resembles, and at least four conveyances in exchange for which has taken place since August 5, 1955, and shall, for the purposes of this Act, treat it in all respects as if it were such type of claim.

SEC. 6. Prior to January 1, 1970, or, in the case of soldiers' additional homestead claims, January 1, 1975, any person who has a claim recorded pursuant to the Act of August 5, 1955, by written notice to the Secretary of the Interior, or any officer of the Department of the Interior to whom authority to receive such notice may be delegated, may elect to receive cash instead of public land in satisfaction of his claim, at a rate per acre equal to the average value of the lands [illegible] by the Secretary under section 4 of this Act. Upon a deter-

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mination that the claim is valid, the Secretary or his delegate shall certify the claim to the Secretary of the Treasury who is authorized and directed to pay the claim out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Acceptance of the money shall constitute a full and complete satisfaction of the claim or holding for which the money is paid: *Provided*, That no agent or attorney acting on behalf of another to procure a payment under this Act shall demand, accept, or receive more than 10 per centum of the payment made, and any agreement to the contrary shall be null and void.

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Public Law 88-546

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[H. R. 931]

AN ACT

To provide for the establishment of the Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site and the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site; Johnstown Flood National Memorial.
Establishment.

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 to establish, as herein provided, the Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site and the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania. For this purpose the Secretary may designate up to nine hundred and fifty acres of land that may, in his discretion, include portions of the Pennsylvania Canal, the Lemon House, the summit of the Allegheny Portage Railroad, the Skew Arch Bridge, incline planes numbered 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 and the levels between them, the Portage Railroad tunnel, and such other land and historic features as may be necessary to illustrate the significant role of the Allegheny Portage Railroad and the Pennsylvania Canal in the Nation's history; and he may designate up to fifty-five acres in Cambria County, Pennsylvania, for use in commemorating the tragic Johnstown flood of May 31, 1889.

SEC. 2. Within the areas designated pursuant to section 1, the Secretary is authorized to acquire lands and interests in lands by purchase, donation, purchase with donated funds, or otherwise.

Publication in Federal Register.

SEC. 3. When the Secretary of the Interior has acquired sufficient lands to form administrable park units, he shall publish notice of that fact in the Federal Register and the areas designated pursuant to section 1 shall thereafter be known as the Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site and the Johnstown Flood National Memorial and shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to establish the National Park Service, and for other purposes," approved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535), as amended and supplemented.

16 USC 1 *et seq.*

SEC. 4. To provide for the preservation and interpretation of the remaining portions of the Allegheny Portage Railroad route not included within the national historic site, and to further commemorate the Johnstown flood, the Secretary is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with the State of Pennsylvania, political subdivisions thereof, corporations, associations, or individuals, and to erect and maintain tablets or markers in accordance with the provisions contained in the Act approved August 21, 1935, entitled "An Act to provide for the preservation of historic American sites, buildings, objects, and antiquities of national significance, and for other purposes" (49 Stat. 666).

16 USC 461-467.

Appropriation.

SEC. 5. There are authorized to be appropriated such sums, but not more than $2,000,000, for land acquisition and development, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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