SEC. 110. None of the funds appropriated in this Act shall be used to (1) acquire land, (2) provide for site preparation, or (3) install utilities for any family housing, except housing for which funds have been made available in annual military construction appropriation Acts. Family housing limitations.

This Act may be cited as the "Military Construction Appropriation Act, 1974". Short title.

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AN ACT

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To determine the rights and interests of the Choctaw Nation, the Chickasaw Nation, and the Cherokee Nation in and to the bed of the Arkansas River below the Canadian Fork and to the eastern boundary of Oklahoma.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Choctaw-Chickasaw-Cherokee Boundary Dispute Act". Choctaw-Chickasaw-Cherokee Boundary Dispute Act.

SEC. 2. The consent of the United States is hereby given to the Choctaw Nation, the Chickasaw Nation, and the Cherokee Nation to bring suit against each other to quiet the title in and to the bed of the Arkansas River below the Canadian Fork and to the eastern boundary of Oklahoma.

SEC. 3. Any action commenced pursuant to section 2 of this Act shall be heard and determined by a Federal court of three judges selected in the manner provided by law, sitting in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of this Act. Any party may appeal directly to the Supreme Court of the United States from the final determination by such three-judge district court. Jurisdiction.

SEC. 4. It is hereby declared to be the intent and the objective of the Congress that the relative rights and interests of said tribes making claims against each other in and to the surface and the subsurface of the lands identified in section 2 of this Act shall be judicially determined in accordance with principles of law and equity, including a consistent award or awards or release or releases to the Choctaw Nation, the Chickasaw Nation, and the Cherokee Nation of such bonus sums, rentals, and royalties, or other moneys paid or received on account of leasing of any portion of such lands. In furtherance of the accomplishment of this intent and the attainment of this objective, the parties are hereby authorized to enter into a settlement agreement in which provision may be made for a recognition in perpetuity of their relative rights to use and to enjoy the surface and the subsurface of the lands identified in section 2 of this Act, including the division of any and all of such bonus sums, rentals, and royalties, or other moneys paid or received on account of the leasing of any portion of said lands for any purpose or purposes. Such settlement agreement may be embodied in and be made a part of any decree of the court, which thereupon shall be final and conclusive with respect to the rights and interests of the parties. Settlement agreement.

SEC. 5. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to be a congressional determination of the merits of the conflicting tribal claims with respect to the lands that are the subject of this Act.

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