

town site of Bowdoin, Montana, whether sold or unsold, and to issue patent, if not already issued, in those cases where the amount paid is in excess of the value appraised thereunder. In cases where the amount paid is not equal to the new appraisement the purchaser may receive patent upon making payment in accordance with the new appraisal, either in cash or by installments, in conformity with the terms of existing law. Lots not heretofore sold likewise may be sold at the new appraised value in accordance with existing law.

Issue of patents to purchasers, etc.

Approved, January 7, 1925.

**CHAP. 38.**—Joint Resolution Providing for the procurement of a design for the use of grounds in the vicinity of the Mall by the United States Botanic Garden.

January 7, 1925.  
[H. J. Res. 257.]  
[Pub. Res., No. 42.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Joint Committee on the Library is hereby authorized and directed to investigate and report to Congress, with estimate of cost as to a new location for the conservatories of the United States Botanic Garden, south of the Mall in the vicinity of the present location, and also as to a suitable landscape plan in connection therewith: *Provided,* That in the preparation of such a report the committee is hereby authorized to procure advice and assistance from any existing governmental agency, including the services of engineers, surveyors, draftsmen, landscape architects, and other technical personnel in the executive departments and independent establishments of the Government.

Botanic Garden, D. C.  
Investigation, etc., of new location for conservatories south of.

*Proriso.*  
Assistance from technical, etc., personnel of governmental agencies.

**SEC. 2.** For the purpose of this Act the sum of \$5,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated from any available money or money that may become available in the Treasury of the United States.

Amount authorized.  
*Post*, p. 1297.

Approved, January 7, 1925.

**CHAP. 57.**—An Act To authorize the Court of Appeals for the First Circuit to hold sitting at San Juan, Porto Rico.

January 8, 1925.  
[H. R. 704.]  
[Public, No. 311.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Court of Appeals for the First Circuit shall, when in its judgment the public interests require, hold a sitting of such court at San Juan, Porto Rico.

United States courts.  
First Circuit Court of Appeals to hold sittings at San Juan, Porto Rico.

Approved, January 8, 1925.

**CHAP. 58.**—An Act Authorizing the Ponca Tribe of Indians residing in the States of Oklahoma and Nebraska to submit claims to the Court of Claims.

January 9, 1925.  
[H. R. 4275.]  
[Public, No. 312.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all claims of whatsoever nature, both legal and equitable, which the Ponca Tribe of Indians residing in the States of Oklahoma and Nebraska may have against the United States, including among other things, claims for moneys due the Ponca Tribe but allowed or paid to some other tribe or tribes of Indians, shall be submitted to the Court of Claims, with the right of appeal by either party to the Supreme Court of the United States for determination; and jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the Court of Claims to hear and determine any and all such claims and render final judgment thereon.

Ponca Indians, Okla. and Nebr.  
Claims of, against United States to be submitted to Court of Claims.

Jurisdiction conferred.

Advancement of cause. The Court of Claims shall advance the cause upon its docket for hearing, and shall have authority to determine and adjudge the rights, both legal and equitable, of the said Ponca Tribe in the premises: *Provided*, That the court shall hear and determine any legal or equitable defenses, set-offs, or counterclaims including gratuities which the United States may offer against the said Ponca Tribe notwithstanding lapse of time or statutes of limitation, and any tribe or band of Indians deemed necessary to a final determination of any suit hereunder shall be joined as the court may order. The suit or suits instituted hereunder shall be begun within five years from the passage of this Act by the Ponca Tribe of Indians as parties plaintiff against the United States as the party defendant. The petition or petitions may be verified upon information and belief as to the facts therein alleged by the attorney or attorneys employed by the Ponca Tribe under contract approved by the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, as provided by existing law; and no other verification shall be necessary: *Provided*, That upon the final determination of such suit or suits the Court of Claims shall have jurisdiction to decree the fees to be paid to the attorney or attorneys not to exceed 10 per centum of the amount of the judgment rendered in favor of said Indians and in no event to exceed the sum of \$25,000, together with all necessary and proper expenses incurred in preparation and prosecution of the suit; and the same shall be paid out of any sum or sums found due said tribe.

*Provisos.*  
Procedure.

Time for filing.

Verification, etc.

Attorneys' fees by decree of court.

Approved, January 9, 1925.

January 9, 1925.  
[H. R. 8545.]  
[Public, No. 313.]

**CHAP. 59.**—An Act Conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to determine and report upon the interest, title, ownership, and right of possession of the Yankton Band of Santee Sioux Indians to the Red Pipestone Quarries, Minnesota.

Yankton Sioux Indians.  
Court of Claims to determine interest of, in Red Pipestone Quarries, Minn.  
Vol. 30, p. 284.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That jurisdiction be, and it hereby is, conferred upon the Court of Claims to determine and report from the finding of facts reported by said court as authorized by section 22 of the Act of April 4, 1910 (Thirty-eighth Statutes at Large, page 284), the interest, title, ownership, and right of possession of the Yankton Band of Santee Sioux Indians in and to the land known as the "Red Pipestone Quarries," described in said Act of April 4, 1910; and said court shall determine what amount, if any, is legally and equitably due from the United States to the said Yankton Band of Santee Sioux Indians for the said quarries, and enter judgment thereon.

Interest of other Sioux Indians to be determined.

**SEC. 2.** That the court is hereby further authorized to determine what, if any, other band or bands of Sioux Indians have an interest in and to the said Red Pipestone Quarries, and the amount thereof, if any.

Approved, January 9, 1925.

January 10, 1925.  
[H. R. 162.]  
[Public, No. 314.]

**CHAP. 68.**—An Act To amend the Act establishing the eastern judicial district of Oklahoma, to establish a term of the United States District Court for the Eastern Judicial District of Oklahoma at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

Oklahoma eastern judicial district.  
Term of court at Pauls Valley.  
Vol. 40, p. 604, amended.  
Post, p. 945.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That a term of the United States District Court for the Eastern Judicial District of the State of Oklahoma shall be held annually at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, for the trial of civil and criminal cases, at such