

Public Law 625

CHAPTER 829

AN ACT

August 23, 1954
[S. 546]

To authorize payment for losses sustained by owners of wells in the vicinity of Cold Brook Dam by reason of the lowering of the level of water in such wells as a result of the construction of Cold Brook Dam.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army, through the Chief of Engineers, is authorized and directed to compensate the owners of water wells in the vicinity of Cold Brook Dam in South Dakota for losses determined by him to have been sustained by reason of the lowering of the level of water in such wells as a result, wholly or partially, of the construction and operation of Cold Brook Dam. Losses compensable under this Act shall include, but not be limited to, (1) the expense of improving or replacing the affected wells so that an amount of water equal to the amount previously obtainable from the affected wells will be available to the owners; (2) the expense of maintaining an adequate supply of water pending the completion of the improvement or replacement of the affected wells; and (3) injuries to property resulting from the lack of an adequate supply of water pending the completion of the improvement or replacement of the affected wells.

Cold Brook Dam,
S. Dak.
Water level dam-
ages.

SEC. 2. Claims for losses compensable under this Act shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Army, through the Chief of Engineers, in such form and in such manner as the Secretary may prescribe. Any such claim shall be submitted not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, or not later than two years after the lowering of the level of water which is the basis for the claim, whichever is the later.

Claims.

SEC. 3. Payment of claims for losses compensable under this Act shall be made by the Secretary of the Army out of any funds available for flood control.

Payment.

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Public Law 626

CHAPTER 830

AN ACT

August 23, 1954
[S. 2420]

To amend section 32 of the Trading With the Enemy Act, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 32 of the Trading With the Enemy Act of October 6, 1917 (40 Stat. 411), as amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsection:

Trading With
Enemy Act, amend-
ment.
60 Stat. 50.
50 USC app. 32.

“(h) The President may designate one or more organizations as successors in interest to deceased persons who, if alive, would be eligible to receive returns under the provisos of subdivision (C) or (D) of subsection (a) (2) thereof. An organization so designated shall be deemed a successor in interest by operation of law for the purpose of subsection (a) (1) hereof. Return may be made, to an organization so designated, (a) before the expiration of two years from the vesting of the property or interest in question, if the President or such officer or agency as he may designate determines from all relevant facts of which he is then advised that there is no basis for reasonable doubt that the former owner is dead and is survived by no person eligible under section 32 to claim as successor in interest by inheritance, devise, or bequest; and (b) after the expiration of

Heirless perse-
cuted assets.

such time, if no claim for the return of the property or interest is pending. Total returns pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed \$3,000,000.

Notice of claim,
etc.

"No return may be made to an organization so designated unless it files notice of claim before the expiration of one year from the effective date of this Act and unless it gives firm and responsible assurance approved by the President that (i) the property or interest returned to it or the proceeds of any such property or interest will be used on the basis of need in the rehabilitation and settlement of persons in the United States who suffered substantial deprivation of liberty or failed to enjoy the full rights of citizenship within the meaning of subdivisions (C) and (D) of subsection (a) (2) hereof; (ii) it will transfer, at any time within two years from the time that return is made, such property or interest or the equivalent value thereof to any person whom the President or such officer or agency shall determine to be eligible under section 32 to claim as owner or successor in interest to such owner, by inheritance, devise, or bequest; (iii) it will make to the President, with a copy to be furnished to the Congress, such reports (including a detailed annual report on the use of the property or interest returned to it or the proceeds of any such property or interest) and permit such examination of its books as the President or such officer or agency may from time to time require; and (iv) will not use such property or interest or the proceeds of such property or interest for legal fees, salaries or any other administrative expenses connected with the filing of claims for or the recovery of such property or interest.

60 Stat. 925.
50 USC app. 34.

"Organization".

"The filing of notice of claim by an organization so designated shall not bar the payment of debt claims under section 34 of this Act.

"As used in this subsection, 'organization' means only a nonprofit charitable corporation incorporated on or before January 1, 1950, under the laws of any State of the United States or of the District of Columbia with the power to sue and be sued."

60 Stat. 925.
50 USC app. 33.

SEC. 2. The first sentence of section 33 of the Trading With the Enemy Act of October 6, 1917 (40 Stat. 411), as amended, is hereby amended by striking out the period at the end of such sentence, and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon and the following: "except that return may be made to successor organizations designated pursuant to section 32 (h) hereof if notice of claim is filed before the expiration of one year from the effective date of this Act."

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Public Law 627

CHAPTER 831

AN ACT

August 23, 1954
[S. 2744]

To provide for the termination of Federal supervision over the property of the Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Indians of Texas, and the individual members thereof; and for other purposes.

Alabama and
Coushatta Tribes,
Tex.
Termination of
Federal supervi-
sion.

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 convey to the State of Texas the lands held in trust by the United States for the tribe of Indians organized and known as the Alabama and Coushatta Tribes of Texas, located in Polk County, Texas; and such tribe is authorized to convey to the State of Texas the lands purchased for and deeded to the Alabama Indians in accordance with an act of the legislature of the State of Texas approved February 3, 1854, located in Polk County, Texas. All of the lands so conveyed shall be held by the State of Texas in