

may be permitted to enter the lands for purposes compatible with their preservation as a wilderness. The Secretary of the Interior shall be responsible for the establishment and maintenance of conservation measures for these lands, including, without limitation, protection of forests from fire, disease, insects or trespass; prevention or elimination of erosion, damaging land use, or stream pollution; and maintenance of streamflow and sanitary conditions; and the Secretary is authorized to contract with the Secretary of Agriculture for any services or materials deemed necessary to institute or carry out any of such measures.

Interior Secretary, conservation responsibility.

“(c) Lessees or permittees of lands described in subsection (a) which are not included in the lands described in the Act of May 31, 1933, shall be given the opportunity to renew their leases or permits under rules and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior to the same extent and in the same manner that such leases or permits could have been renewed if this Act had not been enacted; but the Pueblo de Taos may obtain the relinquishment of any or all of such leases or permits from the lessees or permittees under such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreeable. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to disburse, from the tribal funds in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of said tribe, so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for such relinquishments and for the purchase of any rights or improvements on said lands owned by non-Indians. The authority to pay for the relinquishment of a permit pursuant to this subsection shall not be regarded as a recognition of any property right of the permittee in the land or its resources.

Leases or permits, renewal, relinquishment.
48 Stat. 108.

“(d) The Indian Claims Commission is directed to determine in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of the Act of August 13, 1946 (60 Stat. 1049, 1050), the extent to which the value of the interest in land conveyed by this Act should be credited to the United States or should be set off against any claim of the Taos Indians against the United States.

25 USC 70a.

“(e) Nothing in this section shall impair any vested water right.”

Water rights.

Approved December 15, 1970.

Public Law 91-551

AN ACT

To amend sections 5580, 5581, and 5582 of the Revised Statutes to provide for additional members of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution and to increase the number of members constituting a quorum.

December 15, 1970
[H. R. 14213]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) section 5580 of the Revised Statutes (20 U.S.C. 42) is amended to read as follows:

Smithsonian Institution.
Board of Regents, additional members.

“SEC. 5580. The business of the Institution shall be conducted at the city of Washington by a Board of Regents, named the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, to be composed of the Vice President, the Chief Justice of the United States, three Members of the Senate, three Members of the House of Representatives, and nine other persons, other than Members of Congress, two of whom shall be resident in the city of Washington, and seven of whom shall be inhabitants of some State, but no two of them of the same State.”

Appointment.

(b) The first sentence of section 5581 of the Revised Statutes (20 U.S.C. 43) is amended to read as follows: "The regents to be selected shall be appointed as follows: The Members of the Senate by the President thereof; the Members of the House by the Speaker thereof; and the nine other persons by joint resolution of the Congress."

Term of office.

(c) The fifth sentence of section 5581 of the Revised Statutes (20 U.S.C. 43) is amended to read as follows: "The regular term of service for the other nine members shall be six years; and new elections thereof shall be made by joint resolutions of Congress."

Meetings.

(d) The second sentence of section 5582 of the Revised Statutes (20 U.S.C. 44) is amended to read as follows: "The board shall also elect three of their own body as an executive committee, and shall fix the time for the regular meetings of the board; and, on application of any three of the regents to the secretary of the institution, it shall be his duty to appoint a special meeting of the Board of Regents, of which he shall give notice, by letter, to each of the members; and, at any meeting of the board, eight shall constitute a quorum to do business."

Quorum.

Approved December 15, 1970.

Public Law 91-552

December 16, 1970
[H. J. Res. 1411]

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Correcting certain printing and clerical errors in the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following amendments are made to correct certain printing and clerical errors in the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-510):

Ante, p. 1140.

(1) The item relating to section 472 in the table of contents of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 1142) is amended by striking out "Clerk" and inserting in lieu thereof "clerk".

(2) The last sentence of section 133(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended by section 102(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 1144), is amended by striking out "prescribe" and inserting in lieu thereof "preside".

(3) Section 128 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 1160) is amended by striking out "rule" and inserting in lieu thereof "Rule".

(4) The third sentence of subparagraph (2) of paragraph (a) of clause 29 of Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, as amended by section 302(b) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 1177), is amended by striking out "majori" and inserting in lieu thereof "majority".

(5) Section 302(e) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 1179) is amended by striking out "(a)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(b)".

(6) The last sentence of section 134(c) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended by section 117(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, is amended by striking out "paragraph 5" and inserting in lieu thereof "paragraph 7".

Approved December 16, 1970.