Public Law 93-539

December 22, 1974
[H. R. 6274]

AN ACT

To grant relief to payees and special indorsees of fraudulently negotiated checks drawn on designated depositaries of the United States by extending the availability of the check forgery insurance fund, and for other purposes.

Check forgery insurance fund.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of November 21, 1941 (55 Stat. 777; 31 U.S.C. 561–564), is amended as follows:

31 USC 561 note, 564.

(a) Sections 4 and 5 are redesignated as sections 5 and 6.

(b) A new section 4 is added to read as follows:

31 USC 563a.

"SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to make available to accountable officers of the United States sums in the fund to pay to a payee or special indorsee of a check drawn on and paid by a designated depositary of the United States the amount of the check, without interest, where it is established, in accordance with regulations promulgated under section 5, that the conditions specified in section 2 of this Act, except as they pertain to the Treasurer of the United States, have been fulfilled. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1415 of the Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1953 (66 Stat. 662; 31 U.S.C. 724), where such check was payable in a foreign currency the accountable officer may be authorized to make payment in that foreign currency. The liability and restoration provisions of section 3 of this Act shall apply with respect to checks drawn on designated depositaries, except that recoveries of foreign currency shall be used, as required, to reimburse either the foreign currency fund or account or the check forgery insurance fund, whichever account or fund is charged when settlement is made with the payee or indorsee."

Supra.

31 USC 562.

31 USC 563.

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AN ACT

To authorize the exchange of certain lands between the Pueblo of Acoma and the Forest Service.

Indians.
Pueblo of Acoma Tribe, N. Mex.
Land exchange with Forest Service.

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 shall transfer lands and minerals therein, within section 17, township 11 north, range 8 west, and section 13, township 11 north, range 9 west, New Mexico Principal Meridian, now held in trust for the Pueblo of Acoma Tribe, to the Secretary of Agriculture for administration as a part of the Mount Taylor Division, Cibola National Forest, and subject to the laws, rules, and regulations applicable to the National Forest System.

SEC. 2. The lands and minerals therein, within section 20, township 11 north, range 8 west, and section 24, township 11 north, range 9 west, New Mexico Principal Meridian, now a part of the Cibola National Forest, are hereby declared to be held in trust by the Secretary of the Interior for the Pueblo of Acoma Tribe: *Provided*, That rights-of-way sixty-six feet in width, being thirty-three feet on either side of the centerline, for Forest Service Development System roads now in place across said lands, shall be retained by the Secretary of Agriculture.

SEC. 3. Any transfer effected by this Act shall be subject to valid claims as long as they are maintained.

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