

drainage district to enlarge the channel of its system, and to do all things necessary to accommodate the water accumulated therein and to prevent overflows thereof: *Provided*, That the amounts so paid on behalf of such Indians shall not exceed the rate of \$2 per acre for each acre of Indian land benefited nor a total of \$600.

Approved, February 25, 1933.

Proviso.
Maximum amount.

[CHAPTER 124.]

AN ACT

To authorize the Veterans' Administration or other Federal agencies to turn over to superintendents of the Indian Service amounts due Indians who are under legal disability, or to estates of such deceased Indians.

February 25, 1933.
[S. 4766.]
[Public, No. 373.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any money accruing from the Veterans' Administration or other governmental agency to incompetent adult Indians, or minor Indians, who are recognized wards of the Federal Government, for whom no legal guardians or other fiduciaries have been appointed may be paid, in the discretion of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, or other head of a governmental bureau or agency, having such funds for payment, to such superintendent or other bonded officer of the Indian Service as the Secretary of the Interior shall designate, for the use of such beneficiaries, or to be paid to or used for, the heirs of such deceased beneficiaries, to be handled and accounted for by him with other moneys under his control, in accordance with existing law and the regulations of the Department of the Interior.

Indian Service.
Amounts due Indians under legal disability, etc., to be paid designated superintendent for use of beneficiaries, or their heirs.

Approved, February 25, 1933.

[CHAPTER 125.]

AN ACT

Authorizing the appropriation of funds for the payment of claims to the Mexican Government under the circumstances hereinafter enumerated.

February 25, 1933.
[H. R. 13534.]
[Public, No. 374.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$15,000 for payment to the Government of Mexico for the account of the family of Emilio Cortez Rubio, and a further sum of \$15,000 for payment to the Government of Mexico for the account of the family of Manuel Gomez, as an act of grace and without reference to the question of legal liability of the United States, for the killing in or near Ardmore, Oklahoma, on June 7, 1931, of Emilio Cortez Rubio and Manuel Gomez by two deputy sheriffs of the State of Oklahoma.

Mexico.
Payment to, authorized as indemnity for the killing of Emilio Cortez Rubio and Manuel Gomez.

Approved, February 25, 1933.

[CHAPTER 126.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Comptroller of the Currency to exercise with respect to national banking associations powers which State officials, may have with respect to State banks, savings banks, and/or trust companies under State laws.

February 25, 1933.
[S. J. Res. 266.]
[Pub. Res., No. 68.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Comptroller of the Currency shall have and may exercise to such extent as he deems advisable with respect to any national banking association any powers which the State officials having supervision of State banks, savings

National banking associations.
Authority of Comptroller of Currency over.

banks and/or trust companies in the State in which such national banking associations are located may have with respect to such State institutions under State laws now in force or hereafter enacted: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be construed to permit the establishment of branches of either national or State member banks or allow consolidation of either national or State member banks not allowed by existing laws.

Proviso.
Restriction.

Assessment of ex-
penses.

Expenses incurred by the Comptroller of the Currency in the exercise of such powers may be assessed by him against the banks concerned and, when so assessed, shall be paid by such banks.

Powers not impaired
hereby.

Nothing herein shall be construed to impair any power otherwise possessed by the Comptroller of the Currency, the Secretary of the Treasury or the Federal Reserve Board.

Duration.

The powers herein conferred shall terminate six months from its approval by the President; but the President of the United States may extend its force by proclamation for an additional six months.

Approved, February 25, 1933.

[CHAPTER 127.]

AN ACT

February 27, 1933.

[H. R. 7521.]

[Public, No. 375.]

To provide a new Code of Civil Procedure for the Canal Zone and to repeal the existing Code of Civil Procedure.

Code of Civil Pro-
cedure, Canal Zone.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the thirty-nine chapters hereinafter set forth shall constitute the Code of Civil Procedure for the Canal Zone.

PRELIMINARY
PROVISIONS.

CHAPTER 1.—PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Title.

SECTION 1. TITLE OF THIS CODE.—This code shall be known as the Code of Civil Procedure of the Canal Zone.

Effective date.

SEC. 2. WHEN THIS CODE TAKES EFFECT.—This code shall take effect on the first day of October, 1933.

Not retroactive.

SEC. 3. NOT RETROACTIVE.—No part of it is retroactive unless expressly so declared.

Rule of construction.

SEC. 4. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION OF THIS CODE.—The rule of the common law, that statutes in derogation thereof are to be strictly construed, has no application to this code. The code establishes the law of the Canal Zone respecting the subjects to which it relates, and its provisions and all proceedings under it are to be liberally construed with a view to effect its objects and to promote justice.

Holidays.

SEC. 5. HOLIDAYS.—Holidays within the meaning of this code are every Sunday and such other days as are enumerated as holidays in section 7 of the Civil Code.

Computation of time.

SEC. 6. COMPUTATION OF TIME.—The time in which any Act provided by law is to be done is computed by excluding the first day and including the last, unless the last day is a holiday, and then it is also excluded.

Words and phrases.
Construction of.

SEC. 7. WORDS AND PHRASES.—Words and phrases are construed according to the context and the approved usage of the language; but technical words and phrases, and such others as have acquired a peculiar and appropriate meaning in law, or are defined in section 8, are to be construed according to such peculiar and appropriate meaning or definition.

Definition of terms.

SEC. 8. CERTAIN TERMS USED IN THIS CODE DEFINED.—Words used in this code in the present tense include the future as well as the present; words used in the masculine gender include the feminine