

[CHAPTER 51]

AN ACT

Granting easements on Indian lands of the Wind River or Shoshone Indian Reservation, Wyoming, for dam site and reservoir purposes in connection with the Riverton reclamation project.

March 14, 1940
[S. 2843]
[Public, No. 431]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby granted to the United States and its assigns, including its successors in control of the operation and maintenance of the Riverton reclamation project, Wyoming, a flowage easement and an easement for a dam site, together with all rights and privileges incident to the use and enjoyment of said easements, over tribal and allotted lands of the Wind River or Shoshone Indian Reservation within that part of said reservation required for the construction of the Bull Lake Dam and Reservoir on Bull Lake Creek, a tributary of the Wind River, in connection with the Riverton reclamation project, Wyoming, and for the impounding of approximately one hundred and fifty-five thousand acre-feet of water, including a ten-foot freeboard: *Provided,* That in consideration of the said rights insofar as they affect tribal lands there shall be deposited into the Treasury of the United States pursuant to the provisions of the Act of May 17, 1926 (44 Stat. 560), for credit to the Shoshone and Arapaho Indians of the Wind River Reservation the sum of \$6,500, from moneys appropriated for the construction of the said Bull Lake Dam and Reservoir, and the said sum when so credited shall draw interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum.

Wind River or Shoshone Indian Reservation, Wyo.
Easements granted U. S., concerning Riverton reclamation project.

Bull Lake Dam and Reservoir.

Proviso.
Amount to credit of Indians.

25 U. S. C. § 155.

Compensation.

SEC. 2. That compensation to the individual Indian owners of the allotted lands within the area described in section 1 shall be made from moneys appropriated for the construction of the Bull Lake Dam and Reservoir at the appraised value of the easements: *Provided,* That should any individual Indian not agree to accept the appraised value of the easement as it affects his land, the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to acquire such easement by condemnation proceedings.

Proviso.
Condemnation proceedings.

SEC. 3. The easements herein granted shall not interfere with the use by the Indians of the Wind River or Shoshone Indian Reservation of the lands herein dealt with and the waters of Bull Lake Creek and the reservoir insofar as the use by the Indians shall not be inconsistent with the use of said lands for reservoir purposes.

Use of lands, etc., by Indians.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to perform any and all acts and to prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Administrative provisions.

Approved, March 14, 1940.

[CHAPTER 52]

AN ACT

To provide for allowance of expenses incurred by Veterans' Administration beneficiaries and their attendants in authorized travel for examination and treatment.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is hereby authorized, under regulations to be prescribed by the President, to pay the actual necessary expenses of travel, including lodging and subsistence, or in lieu thereof an allowance based upon the mileage traveled, of any person to or from a Veterans' Administration facility, or other place for the purpose of examination, treatment, or care: *Provided,* That payment of mileage upon termination of examination, treatment, or

Veterans' Administration.
Allowance of expenses to certain beneficiaries.

Proviso.
Mileage.