

Transportation of dependents and effects to home, etc.

(b) In case of the death of the officer or employee while performing official duties in a Territory or possession of the United States or in a foreign country or in transit thereto or therefrom, the transportation expenses of his dependents, including expenses incurred in packing, crating, drayage, and transportation of household effects and other personal property to his former home or such other place as the head of the department shall determine.

Temporary absence from duty.

SEC. 2. The benefits of section 1 of this Act shall not be denied in any case on the ground that the deceased was temporarily absent from duty when death occurred.

Effective date.

SEC. 3. This Act shall become effective sixty days after its enactment.

Approved, July 8, 1940.

[CHAPTER 552]

AN ACT

For the acquisition of Indian lands for the Parker Dam and Reservoir project, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in aid of the construction of the Parker Dam project, authorized by the Act of August 30, 1935 (49 Stat. 1028), there is hereby granted to the United States, its successors and assigns, subject to the provisions of this Act, all the right, title, and interest of the Indians in and to the tribal and allotted lands of the Fort Mohave Indian Reservation in Arizona and the Chemehuevi Reservation in California as may be designated by the Secretary of the Interior.

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Parker Dam project.
Acquisition of Indian lands for.
49 Stat. 1039.

Determination of amount to be paid to Indians.

Payment by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior shall determine the amount of money to be paid to the Indians as just and equitable compensation for the rights granted under section 1 hereof. Such amount of money shall be paid to the Secretary of the Interior by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, a public corporation of the State of California, in accordance with the terms of the contract made and entered into on February 10, 1933, between the United States of America, acting through the Secretary of the Interior, and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. In the case of tribal lands, the amount due to the appropriate tribe shall be deposited by the said Secretary in the Treasury of the United States, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of May 17, 1926 (44 Stat. 560), as amended. The amounts due individual allottees, their heirs, or devisees shall be deposited by the said Secretary to the credit of the Superintendent of the Colorado River Indian Agency, or such other officer as shall be designated by the Secretary, for the credit on the books of the said agency to the accounts of the individual Indians concerned.

Deposit of amounts due tribes.

25 U. S. C. § 155.

Deposit of amounts due allottees.

Use of allottee funds.

SEC. 3. Funds deposited to the credit of the allottees, their heirs, or devisees may be used, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, for the acquisition of other lands and improvements now in Indian ownership, or the construction of improvements for the allottees, their heirs, or devisees whose lands and improvements are acquired under the provisions of this Act. Lands so acquired shall be held in the same status as those from which the funds were derived.

Regulations, etc.

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

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