

Locations by competent Indians allowed.

Leases allowed.

*Proviso.*  
By other Indians.

No withdrawals for reservations hereafter except by act of Congress.

Indian Service. Investigation of, by House Committee on Indian Affairs, authorized.

Appropriation for expenses.

Powers conferred.

Clerical, etc., assistance.

*Proviso.*  
Pay to stenographers.

That mining locations, under the terms of this section, may be made on unallotted lands within Indian reservations by Indians who have heretofore or may hereafter be declared by the Secretary of the Interior to be competent to manage their own affairs; and the said Secretary is hereby authorized and empowered to lease such lands to such Indians in accordance with the provisions of this section: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to permit other Indians to make locations and obtain leases under the provisions of this section, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe in regard to the working, developing, disposition, and selling of the products, and the disposition of the proceeds thereof of any such mine by such Indians.

SEC. 27. That hereafter no public lands of the United States shall be withdrawn by Executive Order, proclamation, or otherwise, for or as an Indian reservation except by act of Congress.

SEC. 28. That during this Congress those members of the Committee on Indian Affairs of the House of Representatives, not less than five in number, who are Members of the Sixty-sixth Congress, are authorized to conduct hearings and investigate the conduct of the Indian Service, at Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere, and the sum of \$15,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be immediately available, is hereby appropriated for expenses incident thereto. The said committee is hereby authorized and empowered to examine into the conduct and management of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and all its branches and agencies, their organization and administration, to examine all books, documents, and papers in the said Bureau of Indian Affairs, its branches or agencies, relating to the administration of the business of said bureau, and shall have and is hereby granted authority to subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, administer oaths, and to demand any and all books, documents, and papers of whatever nature relating to the affairs of Indians as conducted by said bureau, its branches, and agencies. Said committee is hereby authorized to employ such clerical and other assistance, including stenographers, as said committee may deem necessary in the proper prosecution of its work: *Provided*, That stenographers so employed shall not receive for their services exceeding \$1 per printed page.

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CHAP. 5.—An Act To supply a deficiency in the appropriation for carrying out the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the operation of transportation systems while under Federal control, for the just compensation of their owners, and for other purposes," approved March 21, 1918.

Federal railroad control. Additional appropriation for expenses, etc.  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for carrying out the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the operation of transportation systems while under Federal control, for the just compensation of their owners, and for other purposes," approved March 21, 1918, there is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$750,000,000, which shall be in addition to the appropriation of \$500,000,000 made in section 6 of said Act, and shall be subject in all respects to the same authority for, and restriction of, expenditure as the said \$500,000,000.

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