

*Proviso.*  
Extension of pay-  
ments due within one  
year.

Additional exten-  
sion.  
Commutation pay-  
ments.

Interest to credit of  
Indians.

Forfeiture of entry  
on failure to make pay-  
ments.

expiration of the period of extension, the interest to be paid to the receiver of the land office for the district in which the lands are situated, within such time as may be prescribed for that purpose by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided*, That the one-half of any installment which becomes due within one year from the passage of this Act and for which an extension of time for payment is not authorized by the said Act of March 2, 1917, may also be extended for a period of one year by paying interest thereon in advance at the said rate: *Provided further*, That any payment so extended may thereafter be extended for a period of one year in like manner: *And provided further*, That if commutation proof is submitted, all the unpaid payments must be made at that time.

SEC. 2. That moneys paid as interest provided for herein shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the Fort Peck Indians, the same as moneys realized from the sale of the lands.

SEC. 3. That the failure of an entryman to make any payment that may be due, unless the same be extended, or to make any payment extended either under the provisions hereof or under the provisions of the said Act of March 2, 1917, at or before the time to which such payment has been extended, shall forfeit the entry and the same shall be canceled, and any and all payments theretofore made shall be forfeited.

Approved, December 11, 1919.

December 11, 1919.  
[S. 2129.]  
[Public, No. 98.]

**CHAP. 5.**—An Act To amend an Act approved March 26, 1908, entitled "An Act to provide for the repayment of certain commissions, excess payments, and purchase moneys paid under the public land laws."

Public lands.  
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ed.

Repayment of pur-  
chase moneys, etc., in  
rejected entries.

Condition.

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Time limit for ap-  
plications.

Repayment of excess  
payments.

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Time limit for ap-  
plications.

Amounts to be cer-  
tified to Secretary of  
the Treasury, etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That an Act approved March 26, 1908 (Thirty-fifth Statutes at Large, page 48), entitled "An Act to provide for the repayment of certain commissions, excess payments, and purchase moneys paid under the public land laws," be amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1. That where purchase moneys and commissions paid under any public land law have been or shall hereafter be covered into the Treasury of the United States under any application to make any filing, location, selection, entry, or proof, such purchase moneys and commissions shall be repaid to the person who made such application, entry, or proof, or to his legal representatives, in all cases where such application, entry, or proof has been or shall hereafter be rejected, and neither such applicant nor his legal representatives shall have been guilty of any fraud or attempted fraud in connection with such application: *Provided*, That such person or his legal representatives shall file a request for the repayment of such purchase moneys and commissions within two years from the rejection of such application, entry, or proof, or within two years from the passage of this Act as to such applications, proofs, or entries, as have been heretofore rejected.

"SEC. 2. That in all cases where it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior that any person has heretofore or shall hereafter make any payments to the United States under the public land laws in excess of the amount he was lawfully required to pay under such laws, such excess shall be repaid to such person or to his legal representatives: *Provided*, That such person or his legal representatives shall file a request for the repayment of such excess within two years after the patent has issued for the land embraced in such payment, or within two years from the passage of this Act as to such excess payments as have heretofore been made.

"SEC. 3. That when the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall ascertain the amount of any excess moneys, purchase moneys,

or commissions in any case where repayment is authorized by this statute, the Secretary of the Interior shall at once certify such amounts to the Secretary of the Treasury, who is hereby authorized and directed to make repayment of all amounts so certified out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated and issue his warrant in settlement thereof.

"SEC. 4. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for the purpose of carrying the provisions of this Act into full force and effect."

Approved, December 11, 1919.

Payment authorized.

Rules to be prescribed.

**CHAP. 6.**—An Act To provide for the payment of six months' pay to the widow, children, or other designated dependent relative of any officer or enlisted man of the Regular Army whose death results from wounds or disease not the result of his own misconduct.

December 17, 1919.

[S. 2497.]

[Public, No. 99.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter, immediately upon official notification of the death from wounds or disease, not the result of his own misconduct, of any officer or enlisted man on the active list of the Regular Army or on the retired list when on active duty, the Quartermaster General of the Army shall cause to be paid to the widow, and if there be no widow to the child or children, and if there be no widow or child to any other dependent relative of such officer or enlisted man previously designated by him, an amount equal to six months' pay at the rate received by such officer or enlisted man at the date of his death. The Secretary of War shall establish regulations requiring each officer and enlisted man having no wife or child to designate the proper dependent relative to whom this amount shall be paid in case of his death. Said amount shall be paid from funds appropriated for the pay of the Army.

Army.  
Allowances for death in service to include retired list on active duty.

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Beneficiaries to be designated.

SEC. 2. That nothing in this Act shall be construed as making the provisions of this Act applicable to officers or enlisted men of any forces or troops of the Army of the United States other than those of the Regular Army, and nothing in this Act shall be construed to apply in commissioned grades to any officers except those holding permanent or provisional appointments in the Regular Army.

Applicable only to Regular Army.

Approved, December 17, 1919.

**CHAP. 7.**—An Act To authorize the President of the United States to arrange and participate in an international conference to consider questions relating to international communication.

December 17, 1919.

[H. R. 9622.]

[Public, No. 100.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested and authorized in the name of the Government of the United States to call, in his discretion, an international conference to assemble in Washington, and to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, representatives to participate therein, to consider all international aspects of communication by telegraph, telephone, cable, wireless telephone, and wireless telegraphy, and to make recommendations with a view to providing the entire world with adequate facilities for international communication on a fair and equitable basis.

International Communication Conference.

President authorized to arrange for, etc.

SEC. 2. That the sum of \$75,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the same to be disbursed under the direction and in the discretion of the Secretary of State for expenses

Appropriation for expenses.