

Amount authorized
for expenses.

"SEC. 4. That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$1,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be reimbursable out of the funds arising from the sale of said lands.

Sale, etc., not opera-
tive while agency and
school maintained.

"SEC. 5. That sections 1, 3, and 4 of this Act shall not become operative so long as the need thereof exists of maintaining an agency and school for the Omaha Tribe of Indians residing on the Omaha Indian Reservation in the State of Nebraska."

Approved, January 7, 1925.

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[H. R. 6817.]

[Public, No. 306.]

CHAP. 35.—An Act To provide for the construction of a vessel for the Coast Guard.

Coast Guard.
Cutter for Alaskan
waters authorized.
Post, p. 1342.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to construct and equip one Coast Guard cutter, at a cost not to exceed \$925,000, of appropriate design and special construction, for Coast Guard duty in Alaskan waters and for cruises into the Arctic Ocean to replace the cutter Bear, no longer suitable for such service.

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[H. R. 7077.]

[Public, No. 309.]

CHAP. 36.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, and for other purposes, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914,' approved June 30, 1913," approved May 26, 1920.

Five Civilized
Tribes, Okla.
Vol. 41, p. 625, amend-
ed.
Vol. 38, p. 96.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, and for other purposes, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914,' approved June 30, 1913," approved May 26, 1920, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Allowances for street
improvements, etc.,
heretofore or hereafter
made, in town sites,
from tribal funds.

"That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to pay, out of any funds of the Creek, Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, and Seminole Nations, on deposit in the Treasury of the United States, the proportionate cost of street paving, construction of sidewalks and sewers heretofore or hereafter constructed and abutting on unsold lots belonging to any of said tribes and as may be properly chargeable against said town lots, said payments to be made upon submission of proof to said Secretary of the Interior showing the entire cost of the said street paving, sidewalk, and sewer construction, and that said improvement was duly authorized and undertaken in accordance with law: *Provided,* That the Secretary of the Interior shall be satisfied that the charges made are reasonable and that the lots belonging to the above-mentioned tribes against which the charges were made have been enhanced in value by said improvements to not less than the amount of said charges."

Approved, January 7, 1925.

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[H. R. 7522.]

[Public, No. 310.]

CHAP. 37.—An Act To authorize and direct issuance of patents to purchasers of lots in the town site of Bowdoin, Montana.

Bowdoin, Mont.
Reappraisal of lots
in town site of.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to reappraise the lots in the

town site of Bowdoin, Montana, whether sold or unsold, and to issue patent, if not already issued, in those cases where the amount paid is in excess of the value appraised thereunder. In cases where the amount paid is not equal to the new appraisement the purchaser may receive patent upon making payment in accordance with the new appraisal, either in cash or by installments, in conformity with the terms of existing law. Lots not heretofore sold likewise may be sold at the new appraised value in accordance with existing law.

Issue of patents to purchasers, etc.

Approved, January 7, 1925.

CHAP. 38.—Joint Resolution Providing for the procurement of a design for the use of grounds in the vicinity of the Mall by the United States Botanic Garden.

January 7, 1925.
[H. J. Res. 257.]
[Pub. Res., No. 42.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Joint Committee on the Library is hereby authorized and directed to investigate and report to Congress, with estimate of cost as to a new location for the conservatories of the United States Botanic Garden, south of the Mall in the vicinity of the present location, and also as to a suitable landscape plan in connection therewith: *Provided*, That in the preparation of such a report the committee is hereby authorized to procure advice and assistance from any existing governmental agency, including the services of engineers, surveyors, draftsmen, landscape architects, and other technical personnel in the executive departments and independent establishments of the Government.

Botanic Garden, D. C.
Investigation, etc., of new location for conservatories south of.

Proviso.
Assistance from technical, etc., personnel of governmental agencies.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of this Act the sum of \$5,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated from any available money or money that may become available in the Treasury of the United States.

Amount authorized.
Post, p. 1297.

Approved, January 7, 1925.

CHAP. 57.—An Act To authorize the Court of Appeals for the First Circuit to hold sitting at San Juan, Porto Rico.

January 8, 1925.
[H. R. 704.]
[Public, No. 311.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Court of Appeals for the First Circuit shall, when in its judgment the public interests require, hold a sitting of such court at San Juan, Porto Rico.

United States courts.
First Circuit Court of Appeals to hold sittings at San Juan, Porto Rico.

Approved, January 8, 1925.

CHAP. 58.—An Act Authorizing the Ponca Tribe of Indians residing in the States of Oklahoma and Nebraska to submit claims to the Court of Claims.

January 9, 1925.
[H. R. 4275.]
[Public, No. 312.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all claims of whatsoever nature, both legal and equitable, which the Ponca Tribe of Indians residing in the States of Oklahoma and Nebraska may have against the United States, including among other things, claims for moneys due the Ponca Tribe but allowed or paid to some other tribe or tribes of Indians, shall be submitted to the Court of Claims, with the right of appeal by either party to the Supreme Court of the United States for determination; and jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the Court of Claims to hear and determine any and all such claims and render final judgment thereon.

Ponca Indians, Okla. and Nebr.
Claims of, against United States to be submitted to Court of Claims.

Jurisdiction conferred.