

SEC. 2. That for services rendered during the period May 1, 1943, to September 30, 1943, inclusive, by hourly and per diem employees of The Alaska Railroad in Alaska, other than those specified in section 1, but not including longshoremen and Eska Mine employees, increases in wages over the amounts or rates paid during said periods in accordance with the then current wage schedules are hereby authorized as follows: For hourly employees, 15 cents per hour and for per diem employees, \$1.20 per day.

SEC. 3. The said increases in wages shall be computed in accordance with the regular practice of The Alaska Railroad during that period, and the funds of The Alaska Railroad shall be available for the payment thereof.

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 711]

AN ACT

To authorize the sale of certain lands of the Tulalip Tribe of Indians, State of Washington.

December 23, 1944
[H. R. 4782]
[Public Law 549]

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, in his discretion, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, and with the approval of the governing officials of the Tulalip Tribe of Indians, to sell and convey to the purchasers certain lands, commonly referred to as tide-lands, fronting upon lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 of section 1, township 29 north, range 4 east, the south half of section 36, township 30 north, range 4 east, and lot 1 of section 6, township 29 north, range 5 east, Willamette meridian, Washington. Title to the lands so sold shall be conveyed by deed executed by the Governing officials of the tribe and approved by the Secretary of the Interior. In the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, the lands may be offered for sale by lots or parcels based upon local lot descriptions as identified by local plats of survey covering Priest Point Park Subdivisions: *Provided*, That the proceeds of the sale of the lands shall be deposited with the bonded disbursing officer of the Tulalip Indian Agency to the credit of the Tulalip Indian Tribe, a corporation, and, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, such proceeds may be reinvested in other lands, in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Tulalip Tribe of
Indians, Wash.
Sale of lands.

Deposit of proceeds.

25 U. S. C. §§ 461-
470.

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 712]

AN ACT

For the relief of the Board of County Commissioners of Volusia County, Florida.

December 23, 1944
[H. R. 4815]
[Public Law 550]

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 and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of County Commissioners of Volusia County, Florida, the sum of \$4,068.10. The payment of such sum shall be in full settlement of all claims against the United States on account of damage to an Adams motor road grader caused by United States Navy airplane F4F-4, Bureau Number 5223, on March 3, 1944, on the naval base grounds at Daytona Beach, Florida: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall

Volusia County,
Fla.
Payment of damage
claims.

be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

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[CHAPTER 713]

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act.

December 23, 1944
[H. R. 4911]
[Public Law 551]

Federal Crop Insurance Act, amendments.
52 Stat. 74.
7 U. S. C. § 1508 (a);
Supp. III, § 1508 (a).
Insurance against loss on wheat, cotton, and flax.

Percentage coverage, limitation.

Losses not covered.

County provisions.

Other agricultural commodities.

Limitations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (a) of section 508 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

“(a) (1) Commencing with the wheat, cotton, and flax crops planted for harvest in 1945, to insure, upon such terms and conditions not inconsistent with the provisions of this title as it may determine, producers of wheat, cotton, and flax against loss in yields due to unavoidable causes, including drought, flood, hail, wind, frost, winter-kill, lightning, fire, excessive rain, snow, wild-life, hurricane, tornado, insect infestation, plant disease, and such other unavoidable causes as may be determined by the Board. Such insurance shall cover a percentage to be determined by the Board not in excess of 75 per centum of the recorded or appraised average yield of such commodities on the insured farm for a representative period subject to such adjustments as the Board may prescribe to the end that the average yields fixed for farms in the same area, which are subject to the same conditions, may be fair and just. Such insurance shall not cover losses due to the neglect or malfeasance of the producer, or to the failure of the producer to reseed to the same crop in areas and under circumstances where it is customary to so reseed, or to the failure of the producer to follow established good farming practices. Insurance shall not be provided in any county unless written applications therefor are filed covering at least fifty farms or one-third of the farms normally producing the agricultural commodities authorized to be insured, except that insurance may be provided for producers on farms situated in a local producing area bordering on a county with a crop-insurance program. The Board may limit insurance in any county or area, or on any farm, on the basis of the insurance risk involved.

“(2) For the purpose of determining the most practical plan, terms, and conditions of insurance with respect to corn, dry beans, oats, barley, rye, tobacco, rice, peanuts, soybeans, sugar beets, sugarcane, timber and forests, potatoes and other vegetables, citrus and other fruits, tame hay, and any other agricultural commodity, if sufficient actuarial data are available, as determined by the Board, to insure upon such terms and conditions not inconsistent with the provisions of this title as it may determine, producers of such agricultural commodities against loss due to the unavoidable causes covered in paragraph (1) of this subsection: *Provided*, That such insurance shall be limited in 1945 to corn and tobacco and to not more than three additional crops for each year thereafter. Insurance provided for any agricultural commodity under this paragraph shall be subject to the limitations and conditions provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, shall be for a period of not more than three years, and shall be limited to producers in not to exceed twenty counties selected by the Board as representative of the several areas where the agricultural commodity is normally produced: *Provided, however*, That such insurance may cover a