Hundred Third Congress, redesignated the Select Committee on Indian Affairs as the Committee on Indian Affairs

#### § 622. Exchange of tribal lands; title to lands

For the purpose of consolidation of Indian lands the Secretary of the Interior is authorized, under such regulations as he may prescribe, to exchange any lands or interests therein, including improvements and water rights with the consent of the Pueblo or Navajo tribal authorities for other lands, water rights, and improvements of similar value in the area set apart for the Pueblos and Canoncito Navajos or in the areas declared to be public domain or within any public domain within New Mexico. Title to all lands acquired under the provisions of this subchapter shall be taken in the name of the United States in trust for the respective Pueblo Indians and the Navajo Canoncito group.

(Aug. 13, 1949, ch. 425, §2, 63 Stat. 605.)

# § 623. Disbursement of deposits in the United Pueblos Agency

The funds now on deposit in the United Pueblos Agency in "special deposits" which have accrued from issuance of livestock-crossing permits and fees collected for grazing permits on the lands which have been under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior shall be expended or disbursed for the benefit of the Indians under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

(Aug. 13, 1949, ch. 425, §3, 63 Stat. 605.)

### § 624. Exchange of lands

### (a) Authorization of Secretary; manner and place

For the purpose of improving the land tenure pattern and consolidating Pueblo Indian lands, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized, under such regulations as he may prescribe, to acquire by exchange any lands or interests therein, including improvements and water rights, within the Pueblo land consolidation areas, and to convey in exchange therefor not to exceed an equal value of unappropriated public lands within the State of New Mexico, or, with the consent of the Pueblo authorities any Pueblo tribal lands or interest therein, including improvements and water rights.

## (b) Reservation of minerals, easements, or rights

Either party to an exchange under this section may reserve minerals, easements, or rights of use

### (c) Execution of title documents

The Secretary may execute any title documents necessary to effect the exchanges authorized by this section.

### (d) Title to lands

Title to all lands acquired under the provisions of this section shall be taken in the name of the United States in trust for the respective Pueblo Indian tribes.

(Pub. L. 87–231, §10, Sept. 14, 1961, 75 Stat. 505.)

CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of act Aug. 13, 1949, ch. 425, 63 Stat. 604, which comprises this subchapter.

# SUBCHAPTER XXI—NAVAJO AND HOPI TRIBES: REHABILITATION

### § 631. Basic program for conservation and development of resources; projects; appropriations

In order to further the purposes of existing treaties with the Navajo Indians, to provide facilities, employment, and services essential in combating hunger, disease, poverty, and demoralization among the members of the Navajo and Hopi Tribes, to make available the resources of their reservations for use in promoting a selfsupporting economy and self-reliant communities, and to lay a stable foundation on which these Indians can engage in diversified economic activities and ultimately attain standards of living comparable with those enjoyed by other citizens, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to undertake, within the limits of the funds from time to time appropriated pursuant to this subchapter, a program of basic improvements for the conservation and development of the resources of the Navajo and Hopi Indians, the more productive employment of their manpower, and the supplying of means to be used in their rehabilitation, whether on or off the Navajo and Hopi Indian Reservations. Such program shall include the following projects for which capital expenditures in the amount shown after each project listed in the following subsections and totaling \$108,570,000 are authorized to be appropriated:

- (1) Soil and water conservation and range improvement work, \$10,000,000.
- (2) Completion and extension of existing irrigation projects, and completion of the investigation to determine the feasibility of the proposed San Juan-Shiprock irrigation project, \$9,000,000.
- (3) Surveys and studies of timber, coal, mineral, and other physical and human resources, \$500,000.
- (4) Development of industrial and business enterprises, \$1,000,000.
- (5) Development of opportunities for off-reservation employment and resettlement and assistance in adjustments related thereto, \$3,500,000.
- (6) Relocation and resettlement of Navajo and Hopi Indians (Colorado River Indian Reservation), \$5,750,000.
- (7) Roads and trails, \$40,000,000; of which not less than \$20,000,000 shall be (A) available for contract authority for such construction and improvement of the roads designated as route 1 and route 3 on the Navajo and Hopi Indian Reservations as may be necessary to bring the portion of such roads located in any State up to at least the secondary road standards in effect in such State, and (B) in addition to any amounts expended on such roads under the \$20,000,000 authorization provided under this clause prior to amendment.
- (8) Telephone and radio communications systems, \$250,000.
- (9) Agency, institutional, and domestic water supply, \$2,500,000.
- (10) Establishment of a revolving loan fund, \$5,000,000.
- (11) Hospital buildings and equipment, and other health conservation measures, \$4,750,000.