

Senate Document Numbered 191, and House Documents Numbered 661 and 686. House Document No. 661 listed a judgment in favor of the Shoshone Tribe of Indians of the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming, in the sum of \$4,408,444.23, with interest on a part thereof to the date of payment, for the taking of land.

**§ 572. Payments to individuals; expenditure of payments**

There shall be credited on the books of the Office of Indian Affairs the sum of \$2,450 to each member of said tribe whose name appears on the roll provided for in section 571 of this title, and out of such sum so credited the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make available immediately to each individual member of the tribe the sum of \$100; and, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, the sum of \$1,350 to each adult and the sum of \$500 to each minor for the following purposes: Purchase of land, improvement of lands to be acquired or already held by the Indian, for the erection and improvement of suitable homes, the purchase of building material, farming equipment, livestock, feed, food, seed, grain, tools, machinery, implements, household goods, bedding, clothing, and any other equipment or supplies necessary to enable the Indians to fit themselves for or to engage in farming, livestock, industry, or such other pursuits or vocations, including education, as will enable them to become self-supporting: *Provided, however,* That the funds of the aged, infirm, decrepit, and incapacitated members may be used for their proper maintenance and support in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior. The remainder of the share of each adult individual Indian, including accrued interest, shall be made available under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, and the remainder of the share of each minor Indian shall, with accrued interest, be held intact until such Indian reaches the age of eighteen years, when it shall be available under the same conditions as herein provided for adults. As herein used the term "adult" shall include the members of the tribe eighteen years of age or over, and the term "minor" shall include all members less than eighteen years of age. On the death of any enrolled member, adult or minor, the sum on deposit to his credit shall be available for expenditure for the benefit of his heirs for the purposes herein authorized.

(July 27, 1939, ch. 387, § 2, 53 Stat. 1128.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of other officers, employees, and agencies of the Department of the Interior, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Interior, with power to delegate, see Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1950, §§ 1, 2, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3174, 64 Stat. 1262, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**§ 573. Uses of judgment fund**

**(a) Purchase of lands**

Not to exceed \$1,000,000 of the said judgment fund, or interest thereon, shall be available for expenditure upon the request of the tribe and with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, for the purchase of lands in the manner prescribed in section 576 of this title.

**(b) Loan fund**

The sum of \$125,000 of said judgment fund, or interest thereon, shall, at the request of the tribe and with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, be set aside as a loan fund for making loans to individual members, or groups of members, of said tribe under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

**(c) Productive enterprises**

The remainder of said judgment fund, including interest thereon, after making the segregation provided for in section 572 of this title, and after setting aside the respective amounts authorized by this section, shall be available for appropriation, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Interior, and with the consent of the tribe, for purposes of benefit to the tribe, including the establishment and administration of productive enterprises for the benefit of said tribe, and any income derived from such enterprises shall be credited to the Shoshone tribal judgment fund: *Provided,* That should such enterprises also benefit the Arapaho Tribe repayment proportionate to the benefit to the Arapaho Tribe shall be made into the Shoshone judgment fund by the Arapaho Tribe out of such tribal income as the Arapaho Tribe may enjoy. (July 27, 1939, ch. 387, § 3, 53 Stat. 1129.)

**§ 574. Consolidation of lands**

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to establish land-use districts within the diminished and ceded portions of the Wind River Indian Reservation, Wyoming, and, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to effect the consolidation of Indian and privately owned lands within said districts through exchange, relinquishment, donation, assignment, or purchase of lands or interests therein, including water rights or surface rights to lands, improvements thereon and improvements on undisposed-of ceded lands, to the end that the respective Indian and non-Indian land holdings may be consolidated for more beneficial use. Exchanges of lands hereunder shall be made on the basis of equal value, and the value of improvements on lands to be relinquished to the Indians or by Indians, to non-Indians shall be given due consideration, and allowance made therefor in the valuation of lieu lands. This section shall apply to tribal land, and trust or otherwise restricted Indian allotments, whether the allottees be living or deceased. In all transactions involving tribal Indian land, the consent of the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes shall first be obtained. Title to all lands or interests therein acquired by the Government through exchange of tribal land shall be taken in the name of the United States in trust for the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes of Indians of the Wind River Reservation, Wyoming. Title to lands exchanged for individual Indian allotments, or purchased for individual Indians with restricted funds shall be taken by the United States in trust for the individual Indian allottee or heir. The right herein granted individual Indians to acquire lands by purchase with restricted funds or by exchange shall not extend to lands on the ceded or opened portion of the reservation.

(July 27, 1939, ch. 387, § 4, 53 Stat. 1129.)

**§ 574a. Acquisition of lands on Wind River Reservation**

**(a) Authority to hold lands in trust for individual tribe**

The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to acquire individually in the name of the United States in trust for the benefit of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation or the Northern Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Reservation, as appropriate, lands or other rights when the individual assets of only one of the tribes is used to acquire such lands or other rights.

**(b) Lands remain part of joint Reservation subject to exclusive tribal control**

Any lands acquired under subsection (a) of this section within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Reservation shall remain a part of the Reservation and subject to the joint tribal laws of the Reservation, except that the lands so acquired shall be subject to the exclusive use and control of the tribe for which such lands were acquired.

**(c) Income**

The income from lands acquired under subsection (a) of this section shall be credited to the tribe for which such lands were acquired.

**(d) Savings provision**

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the joint acquisition of lands for the benefit of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation and the Northern Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Reservation.

(Pub. L. 103-435, § 15, Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4573.)

**§ 575. Restoration of lands**

The Secretary of the Interior is directed to restore to tribal ownership all undisposed-of surplus or ceded lands within the land use districts which are not at present under lease or permit to non-Indians; and, further, to restore to tribal ownership the balance of said lands progressively as and when the non-Indian owned lands within a given land use district are acquired by the Government for Indian use pursuant to the provisions of sections 571 to 577 of this title. All such restorations shall be subject to valid existing rights and claims: *Provided*, That no restoration to tribal ownership shall be made of any lands within any reclamation project heretofore authorized within the diminished or ceded portions of the reservation.

(July 27, 1939, ch. 387, § 5, 53 Stat. 1129.)

LANDS CEDED FOR RIVERTON PROJECT

Act Aug. 15, 1953, ch. 509, § 4, 67 Stat. 613, set out as a note under section 611 of this title, provided that all lands of the Wind River Indian Reservation ceded for the Riverton reclamation project in Wyoming and not used for such project were restored to the ownership of the Arapaho and Shoshone Tribes.

**§ 576. Purchase of lands; reimbursement of expenditures**

The sum of \$1,000,000 authorized in section 573 of this title for use in carrying out the land pur-

chase and consolidation program hereinbefore authorized shall remain available until expended and any amount expended shall be reimbursed with interest at 4 per centum per annum to the Shoshone Tribe of Indians of the Wind River Reservation from joint funds to the credit of the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes of the Wind River Reservation or from future accruals to said joint fund, as and when said funds accrue. Title to all land purchases made hereunder shall be taken in the name of the United States in trust for the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes of Indians of the Wind River Reservation, Wyoming. All purchases of lands or interests therein made pursuant to this section shall receive the approval of the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribal Councils or of the business committees thereof.

(July 27, 1939, ch. 387, § 6, 53 Stat. 1130.)

**§ 577. Liability of judgment funds for debts**

In no event shall any portion of the Shoshone judgment fund become liable, payable, or subject to any debt or debts contracted prior to July 27, 1939, by any Indian of the Shoshone Tribe except debts to the United States or to the tribe.

(July 27, 1939, ch. 387, § 7, 53 Stat. 1130.)

**§ 581. Disposition of funds**

The funds on deposit in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Shoshone Nation or Tribe of Indians and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes that were appropriated by the Act of June 19, 1968 (82 Stat. 239), to pay a judgment in the sum of \$15,700,000 entered by the Indian Claims Commission in consolidated dockets numbered 326-D, 326-E, 326-F, 326-G, 326-H, 366, and 367, and the interest thereon, after deducting attorneys' fees, litigation expenses, and other appropriate deductions, shall be apportioned by the Secretary of the Interior to the Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation, Wyoming, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation, Idaho, and the Northwest Band of Shoshone Indians (hereinafter the "three groups"), as set forth in sections 581 to 590 of this title.

(Pub. L. 92-206, § 1, Dec. 18, 1971, 85 Stat. 737.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of June 19, 1968, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 90-352, June 19, 1968, 82 Stat. 239, which provided for supplemental appropriation for fiscal year ending June 30, 1968, and was not classified to the Code.

The Indian Claims Commission, referred to in text, terminated Sept. 30, 1978. See Codification note set out under former section 70 et seq. of this title.

**§ 582. Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation; credit of funds**

The sum of \$500,000, and the interest thereon, less attorneys' fees and other appropriate deductions all in the proportion that the \$500,000 bears to the \$15,700,000, shall be credited to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation for claims of the tribes enumerated in dockets numbered 326-D, 326-E, 326-F, 326-G, and 366.

(Pub. L. 92-206, § 2, Dec. 18, 1971, 85 Stat. 737.)