

CHAPTER X

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS AND SUITS

For the payment of claims in excess of \$250, approved by the Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of the Act of February 11, 1929, as amended (45 Stat. 1160; 46 Stat. 500; 65 Stat. 131), \$10,000. D. C. Code 1-902 to 1-905.

DIVISION OF EXPENSES

The sum appropriated in this Act for the District of Columbia shall be paid out of the general fund of the District of Columbia, as defined in the District of Columbia Appropriation Act for fiscal year 1957.

Ante, p. 439.

CHAPTER XI

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE HOUSE

Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation: For an additional amount for the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation, \$50,000.

CHAPTER XII

CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES, AUDITED CLAIMS, AND JUDGMENTS

For payment of claims for damages as settled and determined by departments and agencies in accord with law, audited claims certified to be due by the General Accounting Office, and judgments rendered against the United States by United States district courts and the United States Court of Claims, as set forth in Senate Document Numbered 143, Eighty-fourth Congress, \$1,312,538, together with such amounts as may be necessary to pay interest (as and when specified in such judgments or in certain of the settlements of the General Accounting Office or provided by law) and such additional sums due to increases in rates of exchange as may be necessary to pay claims in foreign currency: *Provided*, That no judgment herein appropriated for shall be paid until it shall have become final and conclusive against the United States by failure of the parties to appeal or otherwise: *Provided further*, That, unless otherwise specifically required by law or by the judgment, payment of interest wherever appropriated for herein shall not continue for more than thirty days after the date of approval of this Act.

Approved July 31, 1956.

Public Law 856

CHAPTER 807

JOINT RESOLUTION

Approving the relinquishments of the consular jurisdiction of the United States in Morocco.

August 1, 1956
[S. J. Res. 165]

Whereas the laws of the United States invest the ministers and consuls of the United States in certain countries, including Morocco, with judicial authority so far as the exercise of the same is allowed by

treaty with such countries and in accordance with usage in such countries; and

8 Stat. 484.

34 Stat. 2905.

Whereas the consuls of the United States in Morocco are permitted to exercise jurisdiction over American nationals under the treaty between the United States and Morocco signed September 16, 1836, and the Act of Algeciras signed April 7, 1906; and the exercise by custom and usage the same jurisdiction over subjects of Morocco or others who may be designated as "proteges" under the Convention of Madrid signed July 3, 1880; and

Whereas Morocco is now the only foreign country where the consuls of the United States exercise such jurisdiction; and

Whereas it is the policy of the United States to discontinue the exercise of extraterritorial jurisdiction in Morocco at such time as it becomes appropriate; Therefore be it

Relinquishment
of consular juris-
diction in Moroc-
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22 USC 141-183.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the relinquishment by the President, at such time as he considers this appropriate, of the consular jurisdiction of the United States in Morocco is hereby approved and sections 1693, 4083 to 4091, inclusive, 4097 to 4122, inclusive, and 4125 to 4130, inclusive, of the Revised Statutes, as amended, are repealed effective upon the date which the President determines to be appropriate for the relinquishment of such jurisdiction, except so far as may be necessary to dispose of cases then pending in the consular courts in Morocco.

Approved August 1, 1956.

Public Law 857

CHAPTER 808

AN ACT

August 1, 1956
[S. 3658]

To amend the Act of May 11, 1938 (52 Stat. 347), so as to authorize, by agreement, the subsurface storage of oil or gas in restricted Indian lands, tribal or allotted.

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age of oil or gas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of May 11, 1938 (52 Stat. 347), is amended by adding at the end thereof (25 U. S. C. 396d) a new section 8 as follows:

"The Secretary of the Interior, to avoid waste or to promote the conservation of natural resources or the welfare of the Indians, is hereby authorized in his discretion to approve leases of lands that are subject to lease under section 1 of this Act or the Act of March 3, 1909 (35 Stat. 783, 25 U. S. C. 396), for the subsurface storage of oil and gas, irrespective of the lands from which initially produced, and the Secretary is hereby authorized, in order to provide for the subsurface storage of oil or gas, to approve modifications, amendments, or extensions of the oil and gas or other mining lease(s), if any, in effect as to restricted Indian lands, tribal or allotted, and may promulgate rules and regulations consistent with such leases, modifications, amendments, and extensions, relating to the storage of oil or gas thereunder. Any such leases may provide for the payment of a storage fee or rental on such stored oil or gas or, in lieu of such fee or rental, for a royalty other than that prescribed in the lease when such stored oil or gas is produced in conjunction with oil or gas not previously produced. It may be provided that any oil and gas lease under which storage of oil or gas is so authorized shall be continued in effect at least for the period of such storage use and so long thereafter as oil or gas not previously produced is produced in paying quantities."

Approved August 1, 1956.