

or hereafter appropriated for the improvement of rivers and harbors to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved, February 14, 1927.

February 14, 1927.
[S. 5197.]
[Public, No. 620.]

CHAP. 138.—An Act To authorize an appropriation for reconnaissance work in conjunction with the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District to determine whether certain lands of the Cochiti, Santo Domingo, San Felipe, Santa Ana, Sandia, and Isleta Indians are susceptible of reclamation, drainage, and irrigation.

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, N. Mex.
Surveys, etc., to determine if lands of Cochiti, etc., Indians on, can be irrigated, etc.

Cooperation with Conservancy District.

Provisos.
Engineer for the department to be designated.

Reimbursement from Indian lands.

Report to Congress.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to provide for reconnaissance work on the lands of the Cochiti, Santo Domingo, San Felipe, Santa Ana, Sandia, and Isleta Indians, or so much thereof as may be susceptible of irrigation, lying within the exterior boundaries of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, a political subdivision of the State of New Mexico, but not subject to district assessments, and to enable the Secretary of the Interior to provide for surveys, examinations, and the preparation of plans and specifications, for the reclamation, drainage, and irrigation of said lands and conservation of waters appurtenant thereto, in cooperation with said Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, said money to be paid from time to time as said work proceeds, such payments, including the salary and expenses of the engineer hereinafter referred to, to be made in proportion to the expenditures heretofore or hereafter made by the district in the ratio that the area of the Indian lands bears to the other lands to be benefited, such expenditures to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and to be made under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided*, That said Secretary, through the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, shall designate an engineer, who shall represent the department in the preparation of said plans and report thereon, and whose salary and expenses shall be paid out of the funds herein authorized to be appropriated: *Provided further*, That and said sum or any part thereof that may be expended for this reconnaissance work shall be reimbursable by said Indian lands if and when the participation by the United States in construction of said project is approved by the United States, such reimbursement to be in accordance with the terms of the Act of Congress approving such participation: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of the Interior shall report to Congress the results of said reconnaissance work and his recommendations thereon.

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[H. R. 15537.]
[Public, No. 621.]

CHAP. 139.—An Act To amend section 476 and section 4934 of the Revised Statutes.

Patent Office.

Officers and employees.
R. S., sec. 476, p. 80, amended.
Vol. 39, p. 8, amended.
Duties of assistant commissioners.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 476 of the Revised Statutes be amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 476. There shall be in the Patent Office a Commissioner of Patents, one first assistant commissioner, one assistant commissioner, and six examiners in chief, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The first assistant commissioner and the assistant commissioner shall perform such

duties pertaining to his office of commissioner as may be assigned to them, respectively, from time to time by the Commissioner of Patents. All other officers, clerks, and employees authorized by law for the office shall be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce upon the nomination of the Commissioner of Patents, in accordance with existing law."

Office personnel appointed by Secretary of Commerce.

SEC. 2. That section 4934 of the Revised Statutes be amended to read as follows:

R. S., sec. 4934, p. 954, amended.

"SEC. 4934. The following shall be the rates for patent fees:

Rates for fees modified.

"On filing each original application for a patent, except in design cases, \$20, and \$1 for each claim in excess of twenty.

Vol. 42, p. 393, amended. Post, p. 1337.

"On issuing each original patent, except in design cases, \$20, and \$1 for each claim in excess of twenty.

"In design cases: For three years and six months, \$10; for seven years, \$15; for fourteen years, \$30.

"On every application for the reissue of a patent, \$30.

"On filing each disclaimer, \$10.

"On an appeal for the first time from the primary examiners to the examiners in chief, \$10.

"On every appeal from the examiners in chief to the commissioner, \$20.

"For uncertified printed copies of specifications and drawings of patents, 10 cents per copy: *Provided*, That the Commissioner of Patents may supply public libraries of the United States with such copies as published, for \$50 per annum: *Provided further*, That the Commissioner of Patents may exchange copies of United States patents for those of foreign countries.

Uncertified copies. *Provisos*. To public libraries. Exchange for foreign countries.

"For copies of records made by the Patent Office, excluding printed copies, 10 cents per hundred words.

"For each certificate, 25 cents.

"For recording every assignment, agreement, power of attorney, or other paper of three hundred words or under, \$1; of over three hundred and under one thousand words, \$2; and for each additional thousand words or fraction thereof, \$1; for each additional patent or application included or involved in one writing, where more than one is so included or involved, 25 cents additional.

Recording assignments.

"For copies of drawings, the reasonable cost of making them."

Copies of drawings. Fees effective in two months.

SEC. 3. That the provisions of section 2 hereof shall take effect two months after the approval of this Act.

Approved, February 14, 1927.

CHAP. 152.—An Act Authorizing the adjustment of the boundaries of the Black Hills and Harney Forests, and for other purposes.

February 15, 1927. [H. R. 5991.] [Public, No. 622.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any lands within five miles of the exterior boundaries of the Black Hills National or Harney National Forest not in Government ownership, which are found by the Secretary of Agriculture to be chiefly valuable for national forest purposes, may be offered and title thereto accepted in exchange for national forest land or timber in the Black Hills National or Harney National Forest, under and in accordance with the provisions of the Act of March 20, 1922, Public 173, and the Acts amendatory thereto. Lands conveyed to the United States under this Act shall upon acceptance of title become parts of the adjacent national forest.

National Forests, S. Dak. and Wyo. Exchange authorized for lands within five miles of Black Hills or Harney Forests, of land or timber thereon. Vol. 42, p. 465; Vol. 43, p. 1090.

Conveyed lands added to the national forest.

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