

[CHAPTER 78]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To approve the action of the Secretary of the Interior in deferring the collection of certain irrigation charges against lands under the Blackfeet Indian irrigation project.

April 11, 1940  
[S. J. Res. 153]  
[Pub. Res., No. 60]

Whereas the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1936 (49 Stat. 1803), provides that the Secretary of the Interior may adjust, defer, or cancel irrigation charges against non-Indian-owned lands within Indian irrigation projects, where conditions are found to justify such action, subject to the approval of Congress; and

Blackfeet Indian irrigation project, Mont. 25 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 389.

Whereas an investigation of conditions affecting the Blackfeet Indian irrigation project, Montana, is contemplated within the near future pursuant to the provisions of the said Act; and

Whereas the Secretary of the Interior has deferred certain irrigation charges against lands of the said project which are now delinquent or will become due and payable before the proposed investigation can be completed: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in accordance with the Act of June 22, 1936 (49 Stat. 1803), the action of the Secretary of the Interior in deferring such charges under said irrigation project is hereby approved.

Deferment of certain irrigation charges, approval.

Approved, April 11, 1940.

[CHAPTER 79]

AN ACT

To amend section 40 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes", approved September 7, 1916, as amended.

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[S. 607]  
[Public, No. 448]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 40 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties, and for other purposes", approved September 7, 1916, as amended, is amended by inserting after the words "Panama Railroad Company" the following: "and all persons, other than independent contractors and their employees, employed on the Menominee Indian Reservation in the State of Wisconsin, subsequent to September 7, 1916, in operations conducted pursuant to the Act entitled 'An Act to authorize the cutting of timber, the manufacture and sale of lumber, and the preservation of the forests on the Menominee Indian Reservation in the State of Wisconsin', approved March 28, 1908, as amended, or any other Act relating to tribal timber and logging operations on the Menominee Reservation".

U. S. Employees' Compensation Act, amendment.

39 Stat. 750.  
5 U. S. C., § 700; Supp. V, § 790.  
Application to employees of Menominee Indian Reservation, Wis.

35 Stat. 51; 36 Stat. 1076; 40 Stat. 589.

Provisions retroactive.

Injury incurred since July 28, 1935.

Proviso. Time for filing claim.

SEC. 2. Any award heretofore made by the United States Employees' Compensation Commission under such Act of September 7, 1916, to persons coming within the purview of the first section hereof, for disability or death resulting from a personal injury sustained prior to the enactment of this Act, shall be valid, if such award would be valid if made in respect to an injury or death sustained after the enactment of this Act. Claim on account of disability or death of any person coming within the purview of the first section hereof, for benefits on account of injury incurred subsequent to July 28, 1935, may be filed under said Act: *Provided*, That such claim be filed within one year after the approval hereof.

Approved, April 11, 1940.