

authority, or administration in the executive branch of the Government; but such terms shall not include the General Accounting Office nor the governments of the District of Columbia and of the Territories and possessions of the United States, and the various subdivisions of such governments.

"Person."

(b) The term "person" means any individual, partnership, association, corporation, business trust, or legal representative, any organized group of persons, any State or Territorial government or branch thereof, or any political subdivision of any State or Territory or any branch of any such political subdivision.

"Information."

(c) The term "information" means facts obtained or solicited by the use of written report forms, application forms, schedules, questionnaires, or other similar methods calling either (1) for answers to identical questions from ten or more persons other than agencies, instrumentalities, or employees of the United States or (2) for answers to questions from agencies, instrumentalities, or employees of the United States which are to be used for statistical compilations of general public interest.

Failure to furnish information.

SEC. 8. Any person failing to furnish information required by any such agency shall be subject to such penalties as are specifically prescribed by law, and no other penalty shall be imposed either by way of fine or imprisonment or by the withdrawal or denial of any right, privilege, priority, allotment, or immunity, except when the right, privilege, priority, allotment, or immunity, is legally conditioned on facts which would be revealed by the information requested.

Appropriations authorized.

SEC. 9. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated annually, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved, December 24, 1942.

[CHAPTER 812]

AN ACT

December 24, 1942  
[S. 2239]  
[Public Law 832]

To encourage the discovery of oil and gas on the public domain during the continuance of the present war.

Discovery of oil or gas on public domain. Emergency royalty rate.  
55 Stat. 1647.  
50 U. S. C., Supp. I, app., prec. § 1 note.

41 Stat. 437.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, during the period of the national emergency proclaimed by the President May 27, 1941 (Proclamation Numbered 2487), upon a determination by the Secretary of the Interior that a new oil or gas field or deposit has been discovered by virtue of a well or wells drilled within the boundaries of any lease issued pursuant to the provisions of the Act, approved February 25, 1920, as amended (U. S. C., title 30, secs. 181-263), the royalty obligation of the lessee who drills such well or wells to the United States as to such new deposit shall be limited for a period of ten years following the date of such discovery to a flat rate of 12½ per centum in amount or value of all oil or gas produced from the lease.

Approved, December 24, 1942.

[CHAPTER 813]

AN ACT

December 24, 1942  
[S. 2385]  
[Public Law 833]

To provide for the probate and distribution of restricted estates not exceeding \$2,500 in value of deceased Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes in Oklahoma.

Five Civilized Tribes, Okla. Probate and distribution of restricted estates.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That exclusive jurisdiction is hereby conferred on the Secretary of the Interior to determine the heirs after notice and hearing under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, and to probate the estate of any

deceased restricted Indian, enrolled or unenrolled, of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma, whenever the restricted estate consists only of funds or securities under the control of the Department of the Interior of an aggregate value not exceeding \$2,500: *Provided*, That where such decedent died prior to the effective date of this Act, the distribution of such funds and securities, including the decedent's share of any tribal funds, shall be made in accordance with the statute of descent and distribution applicable at the date of death: *And provided further*, That where the decedent dies subsequently to the effective date of this Act distribution of all such funds and securities, including tribal funds aforesaid, shall be effected in accordance with the statute of descent and distribution of the State of Oklahoma.

*Provisos.*  
Applicable statutes of descent and distribution.

SEC. 2. Prior to distribution of the estate to the individuals found entitled thereto under the provisions of section 1 of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall collect out of the funds or other property involved and pay into the Treasury of the United States a fee of \$20 in those cases where the value of the estate is \$250 or more but does not exceed \$1,000; a fee of \$25 where the value of the estate is more than \$1,000 but less than \$2,000; and a fee of \$30 where the value of the estate is \$2,000 or more.

Fees.

Approved, December 24, 1942.

[CHAPTER 814]

AN ACT

To reimpose the trust on certain lands allotted to Indians of the Klamath River Reservation, California.

December 24, 1942  
[S. 2744]  
[Public Law 834]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the period of trust on lands allotted to Indians of the Klamath River Reservation, California, which expired July 31, 1919, and the legal title to which is still in the United States, is hereby reimposed and extended for a period of twenty-five years from July 31, 1919: *Provided*, That further extension of the period of trust may be made by the President, in his discretion, as provided by section 5 of the Act of February 8, 1887 (24 Stat. 388), and the Act of June 21, 1906 (34 Stat. 326).

Klamath River Reservation, Calif.  
Trust on certain lands reimposed.

*Proviso.*

25 U. S. C. §§ 348, 391.

Approved, December 24, 1942.

[CHAPTER 815]

AN ACT

To eliminate certain lands from the Wapato Indian irrigation project, Yakima Reservation, Washington, cancel and adjust certain charges, and for other purposes.

December 24, 1942  
[S. 2829]  
[Public Law 835]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the action of the Secretary of the Interior taken on the 9th day of September 1942, pursuant to the Act of June 22, 1936 (49 Stat. 1803), affecting certain lands of the Wapato Indian irrigation project, Yakima Reservation, Washington, is hereby confirmed as follows: (a) The elimination from the project of three hundred and eighty-six and one one-hundredth acres of land described in the Secretary's order; (b) the cancelation of \$14,512.03, representing unpaid assessments against the land for construction, operation, maintenance, and penalties; (c) the cancelation of \$860.38 of accrued operation, maintenance, and penalties against land not eliminated from the project; (d) the credit of \$58 on future operation and maintenance assessments against the southwest quarter northeast quarter, section 7, township 10 north,

Wapato Indian irrigation project, Wash.

25 U. S. C. §§ 389-390e.

Elimination of certain lands.

Cancelation or adjustment of charges.