

Payment from Indian funds.

the collection of such taxes; but if such tax shall not be paid within one year after the same shall become due and payable, as provided by the laws of the State of Nebraska, then the list of such unpaid and delinquent taxes on the lands of the Winnebago Indians and Omaha Indians, as above provided, shall be certified by the county treasurer of the county in which such lands are situated to the Secretary of the Interior, who shall be authorized to pay the same from any funds belonging to the Indian allottees owning such lands so taxed and arising from the rentals thereof or under his control; and in the event that no such funds shall be in the possession or under the control of the Secretary of the Interior, he shall certify that fact to the said county treasurer, which certificate shall operate as a full release and discharge of the tax assessed against the land of the Indian so without funds.

Approved, December 30, 1916.

Release if no funds available.

January 11, 1917.  
[H. J. Res. 306.]  
[Pub. Res., No. 42.]

**CHAP. 12.**—Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to extend the time for payment of the deferred installments due on the purchase of tracts of the surface of the segregated coal and asphalt lands of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Tribes in Oklahoma.

Choctaw and Chickasaw lands, Oklahoma.  
Time extended for payment of, for surface of.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to extend the time for payment of the final installment due on the purchase of tracts of the surface of the segregated coal and asphalt land area belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Tribes, sold under the Act of Congress approved February nineteenth, nineteen hundred and twelve (Thirty-seventh Statutes at Large, page sixty-seven) to four years after the sale was made instead of two years, as provided in section five of the said act: *Provided,* That the accrued interest on all installments to date when due and the principal of the second installment, if due, shall be paid before an extension as herein provided may be granted: *And provided further,* That in all other respects the provisions of existing law shall apply to these purchases.

Approved, January 11, 1917.

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Proviso.  
Interest.

Effect.

January 15, 1917.  
[S. J. Res. 187.]  
[Pub. Res., No. 43.]

**CHAP. 13.**—Joint Resolution Providing for the filling of a vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress.

Smithsonian Institution.  
Henry White appointed as regent.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, caused by the resignation of Andrew D. White, of New York, be filled by the appointment of Henry White, a citizen of Maryland.

Approved, January 15, 1917.

January 15, 1917.  
[S. J. Res. 190.]  
[Pub. Res., No. 44.]

**CHAP. 14.**—Joint Resolution To continue and extend the time for making report of the joint subcommittee appointed under a joint resolution entitled "Joint Resolution creating a joint subcommittee from the membership of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce and the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to investigate the conditions relating to interstate and foreign commerce, and the necessity of further legislation relating thereto, and defining the powers and duties of such subcommittee." approved July twentieth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, and providing for the filling of vacancies in said subcommittee.

Interstate and foreign commerce.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the joint subcommittee heretofore appointed under S. J. Res. 60 (Public Resolution Num-

bered Twenty-five, Sixty-fourth Congress), approved July twentieth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, entitled "Joint Resolution creating a joint subcommittee from the membership of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce and the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to investigate the conditions relating to interstate and foreign commerce, and the necessity of further legislation relating thereto, and defining the powers and duties of such subcommittee." be and the same hereby is continued and is authorized to sit either during the session of Congress or during the recess and to make its report to Congress on or before the first Monday in December, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

In the event that any House Member of said subcommittee shall cease to be a Member of Congress by reason of not being reelected, or if a vacancy should otherwise occur in the House membership of said subcommittee when Congress is not in session, the next ranking member of the committee from which the retiring member was selected shall fill the vacancy.

Approved, January 15, 1917.

**CHAP. 16.**—An Act Providing for the continuance of the Osage Indian School, Oklahoma, for a period of one year from January first, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the third paragraph of section four of the Act of June twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and six (Thirty-fourth Statutes at Large, page five hundred and thirty-nine), is hereby amended to the extent that the moneys therein provided for support for Osage schools may be used for the same purposes as provided in said paragraph for a further period of one year from the first day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

Approved, January 18, 1917.

**CHAP. 18.**—Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of War to issue temporary permits for additional diversions of water from the Niagara River.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue permits, revocable at will, for the diversion of water in the United States from the Niagara River above the Falls for the creation of power to individuals, companies, or corporations which are now actually producing power from the waters of said river, in additional quantities which, with present diversions, shall in no case exceed the capacity of the generating machinery of the permittee and tenant companies now installed and ready for operation, nor an amount sufficient to enable the permittee to supply the now existing hydroelectric demands of the individuals, companies, or corporations which said permittee and tenant companies are now supplying, but not in excess of the capacity of power-using appliances of said consumers now installed and ready for operation: *Provided,* That in no event shall the total quantity of water diverted in the United States from said river above the Falls for power purposes exceed in the aggregate a daily diversion at the rate of twenty thousand cubic feet per second: *And provided further,* That this resolution shall remain in force until the first day of July, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and no longer, at the expiration of which time all permits granted hereunder shall terminate, unless sooner revoked; and nothing herein contained shall be held to confirm, establish, or confer in or upon any such permittee any right in or to the water which he is now diverting

Time extended for investigating by Joint Congressional Committee.  
*Ante,* p. 387.

Filling vacancies.

January 18, 1917.  
[S. 6864.]

[Public, No. 292.]

Osage Indian School, Okla.  
Time extended for support of.  
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January 19, 1917.  
[S. J. Res. 186.]

[Pub. Res., No. 45.]

Niagara River.  
Additional diversion of water permitted from, above the Falls.

*Priorities.*  
Maximum.

Expiration of permits.

Rights restricted.