

February 3, 1921.  
[H. R. 11769.]  
[Public, No. 301.]

**CHAP. 34.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled “An Act to provide a civil government for Porto Rico, and for other purposes,” approved March 2, 1917.

Porto Rico civil government.

Bill of rights.

Use of public funds for religious sects, etc., forbidden.

Vol. 39, p. 952, amended.

Education, etc., omitted.

Polygamy prohibited.

Revenues. Vol. 39, p. 953, amended.

Export duties forbidden.

General taxes.

Bonds.

Proviso. Indebtedness limitation extended.

Exemption from tax.

Secured bonds.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That paragraph 19 of section 2 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide a civil government for Porto Rico, and for other purposes,” approved March 2, 1917, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“That no public money or property shall ever be appropriated, applied, donated, used, directly or indirectly, for the use, benefit, or support of any sect, church, denomination sectarian institution, or association, or system of religion, or for the use, benefit, or support of any priest, preacher, minister, or other religious teacher or dignity as such. Contracting of polygamous or plural marriages hereafter is prohibited.”

SEC. 2. That section 3 of said Act to provide a civil government for Porto Rico is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 3. That no export duties shall be levied or collected on exports from Porto Rico, but taxes and assessments on property, internal revenue, and license fees, and royalties for franchises, privileges, and concessions may be imposed for the purposes of the insular and municipal governments, respectively, as may be provided and defined by the Legislature of Porto Rico; and, when necessary to anticipate taxes and revenues, bonds and other obligations may be issued by Porto Rico or any municipal government therein as may be provided by law, and to protect the public credit: *Provided, however,* That no public indebtedness of Porto Rico or of any subdivision or municipality thereof shall be authorized or allowed in excess of 10 per centum of the aggregate tax valuation of its property, and all bonds issued by the government of Porto Rico, or by its authority, shall be exempt from taxation by the Government of the United States or by the government of Porto Rico or of any political or municipal subdivision thereof, or by any State, or by any county, municipality, or other municipal subdivision of any State or Territory of the United States, or by the District of Columbia. In computing the indebtedness of the people of Porto Rico, bonds issued by the people of Porto Rico secured by an equivalent amount of bonds of municipal corporations or school boards of Porto Rico shall not be counted.”

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[H. R. 14122.]  
[Public, No. 302.]

**CHAP. 35.**—An Act To authorize the sale of a portion of the Copper Harbor Range Lighthouse Reservation, Michigan, to Houghton and Keweenaw Counties, Michigan.

Copper Harbor Range Lighthouse Reservation, Mich. Sale of portion to Houghton and Keweenaw Counties.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of Commerce for and on behalf of the United States is hereby authorized and directed, in his discretion, to sell and convey to Houghton and Keweenaw Counties, in the State of Michigan, for the sum of \$2,000, that certain piece or parcel of the Copper Harbor Range Lighthouse Reservation, Michigan, with the improvements thereon, which is that portion of lot two, section thirty-three, township fifty-nine north, range twenty-eight west, Michigan, lying east of the creek that drains Lake Fanny Hooe, and on which portion is located Fort Wilkins (abandoned), no longer required for lighthouse purposes: *Provided,* That said counties shall forever maintain the site and structures thereon as an historic landmark or as a public park; that said counties shall construct and forever maintain a bridge suitable to the Lighthouse Service across the creek from Lake Fanny Hooe in the rear of the rear range light and station buildings; that the road which now

Proviso. Conditions.

passes in front of the said rear range light structures shall be diverted by said counties from the north to the south side of the structures, crossing the creek by the bridge just mentioned; that the portion of the road west of the creek shall be constructed by said counties in accordance with specifications to be furnished by the Lighthouse Service; that the officers and employees of the Government of the United States shall have the right at all times to pass and repass over the said bridge and over the land transferred hereunder, by any route they may select, and to transport all necessary materials thereover; that the maintenance of the site and structures, the construction and maintenance of the bridge, and the diversion of the road, as hereinbefore provided for, shall be without expense to the United States: *Provided further*, That in the event of the discontinuance by said counties of the maintenance of said piece or parcel of land as an historic landmark or as a public park, or of the failure of the said counties to perform any of the terms and conditions preceding, the title to the premises hereunder transferred shall revert to the United States, and the \$2,000 paid by said counties shall be retained by the United States in consideration of the provisions hereof.

Reversion on non-compliance with condition.

Purchase price retained.

Transfer to State authorized.

SEC. 2. That the United States hereby consents to the transfer of the premises by said counties to the State of Michigan, the State in such case to assume all the terms and conditions herein stipulated.

SEC. 3. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, February 5, 1921.

**CHAP. 36.**—An Act Conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to hear, determine, and render judgment in the Osage civilization-fund claim of the Osage Nation of Indians against the United States.

February 6, 1921.  
[H. R. 6221.]  
[Public, No. 303.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the claim of the Osage Tribe of Indians against the United States for moneys due, arising out of the sale of Osage lands under the treaty of September 29, 1865, proclaimed January 21, 1867 (Fourteenth Statutes at Large, page 687), shall be submitted to the Court of Claims, with the right of appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States by either party, for the amount due or claimed to be due said tribe from the United States for the misappropriation of any of the funds of the said tribe, or for the failure of the United States to pay the tribe any money due under said treaty; and jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the Court of Claims to hear and determine, as right and justice may require, and as upon a full and fair arbitration, the claim of said tribe against the United States, notwithstanding lapse of time or statutes of limitation, and also any legal or equitable defense, set-off, or counterclaim, including gratuities, which the United States may have against said Osage Tribe, and to enter judgment thereon: *Provided*, That if it be found that the United States Government has wrongfully appropriated any part or parcel of the lands or the funds of said Osage Tribe of Indians, judgment for damages in respect thereto, if any, shall be confined to the value of the land, or the amount of funds, at the time of said appropriation, together with interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum thereon to the date of the decree of the Court of Claims rendered in respect thereto, less any legal or equitable set-offs or counterclaims, including gratuities, which the United States Government may have against the said Osage Tribe of Indians. The judgment of the Court of Claims in this matter rendered, when satisfied, shall annul and cancel all claims and title of said Osage Tribe in and to said lands and funds, as well as all other

Osage Indians.  
Claim for moneys due from sale of lands submitted to Court of Claims.  
Vol. 14, p. 687.

Jurisdiction conferred.

Proviso.  
Basis of damages.

Effect of judgment.