of the District Court of the United States for the District of Con-
nnecticut whose compensation, duties, and powers shall be the same
as now provided by law for other district judges and who shall
reside within the said district of Connecticut.

Sec. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
President.

Approved, March 3, 1927.

CHAP. 301.—An Act To provide for the widening of C Street northeast, in
the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That under and in
accordance with the provisions of subchapter 1 of Chapter XV of the
Code of Law for the District of Columbia, the Commissioners
of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized
and directed to institute in the Supreme Court of the District of
Columbia a proceeding in rem to condemn the land necessary for
the widening of C Street between North Carolina Avenue and
Twenty-first Street northeast, to provide for an addition to the
width of said street of forty feet on the south side of said street,
the land to be condemned for the said widening being a strip of
land forty feet wide through squares 1082, 1093, 1107, 1118, and 1125,
lying immediately south of the present south line of C Street:
Provided, That if the amount found to be due and awarded by the
jury in such proceeding as damages for and in respect of the land
condemned for said widening of C Street, plus the costs and expenses
of the proceeding, is greater than the amount of benefits assessed,
then the amount of such excess shall be paid out of the revenues
of the District of Columbia, but it shall be optional with the Com-
missioners of the District of Columbia to abide by the verdict of
the jury or, at any time before the final ratification and confirmation
of the verdict, to enter a voluntary dismissal of the cause.

Sec. 2. That the appropriation contained in the District of Co-
lumbia Appropriation Act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927
(Public, Numbered 205, Sixty-ninth Congress), for the opening,
extension, widening, or straightening of streets, avenues, roads, or
highways, in accordance with the plan of the permanent system
of highways in that portion of the District of Columbia outside of
the cities of Washington and Georgetown, is hereby made available
to pay the awards and expenses under this Act, and the
amounts assessed as benefits, when collected, shall be covered into the Treasury
to the credit of the District of Columbia.

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CHAP. 302.—An Act Authorizing the Shoshone Tribe of Indians of the Wind
River Reservation in Wyoming to submit claims to the Court of Claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction
be, and is hereby, conferred upon the Court of Claims, with right of
appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States by either party,
notwithstanding the lapse of time or statutes of limitation, to hear,
examine, adjudicate, and render judgment in any and all legal and
equitable claims which the Shoshone Tribe of Indians of the Wind
River Reservation in the State of Wyoming may have against the
United States arising under or growing out of the treaty of July 3,
1868 (Fifteenth Statutes, page 673), or arising under or growing
out of any subsequent treaty or agreement between said Shoshone

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Tribe of Indians and the United States or any subsequent Act of Congress affecting said tribe, which claims have not heretofore been determined and adjudicated upon their merits by the Court of Claims or the Supreme Court of the United States.

Sec. 2. The claims of said tribe shall be presented by petition, subject, however, to amendment at any time. The suit under this Act shall be instituted or petition filed in the Court of Claims within three years from the date of approval of this Act. Such suit shall make the Shoshone Tribe of Indians of the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming party plaintiff and the United States party defendant. The petition shall be verified upon information and belief by the attorney or attorneys employed by said tribe to prosecute said claims under contract approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior. Letters, papers, documents, and public records, or certified copies thereof, bearing upon the claims presented, may be used in evidence; and the departments of Government shall give the attorney of said tribe access to any such letters, papers, documents, or public records and shall furnish certified copies of such thereof as may be deemed material.

Sec. 3. In said suit the court shall also hear, examine, and adjudicate any claims which the United States may have against said tribe, but any payment, including gratuities which the United States may have made to said tribe, shall not operate as an estoppel, but may be pleaded as an offset in such suit: Provided, however, That the United States may interpose to such suit or action any and all pleas of defense, affirmative and negative, legal and equitable, which it may have thereto not herein specifically barred by the provisions of this Act. In reference to all claims which may be the subject matter of the suits herein authorized, the decree of the court shall be in full settlement of all damages, if any, committed by the Government of the United States and shall annul and cancel all claim, right, and title of the said Shoshone Indians in and to such money, lands, or other property.

Sec. 4. Upon final determination of such suit or suits the Court of Claims shall have jurisdiction to fix and determine a reasonable fee, not to exceed 10 per centum of the recovery, together with all necessary and proper expenses incurred in preparation and prosecution of the suit, to be paid to the attorneys employed by said Shoshone Tribe of Indians, and the same shall be included in the decree and shall be paid out of any sum or sums found to be due said tribe.

Sec. 5. The Court of Claims shall have full authority by proper orders and process to bring in and make parties to said suit any or all persons deemed by it necessary or proper to the final determination of the matters in controversy.

Sec. 6. A copy of the petition in such suit shall be served upon the Attorney General of the United States, and he, or some attorney from the Department of Justice to be designated by him, is hereby directed to appear and defend the interests of the United States.

Sec. 7. All amounts which may be found due and recovered for said tribe under the provisions of this Act, less attorneys' fees and expenses, shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of said tribe and shall draw interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum from the date of the judgment or decree.

Approved, March 3, 1927.