CHAPTER 398. AN ACT

May 15, 1936.
[S. 3707.]
[Public, No. 592.]

To amend an Act entitled “An Act authorizing certain tribes of Indians to submit claims to the Court of Claims, and for other purposes”, approved May 26, 1920.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the suit numbered E-346 heretofore instituted in the Court of Claims by the Klamath and Modoc Tribes and Yahooskin Band of Snake Indians under an Act entitled “An Act authorizing certain tribes of Indians to submit claims to the Court of Claims, and for other purposes”, approved May 26, 1920, jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon said court, and it is hereby authorized and directed, irrespective of any release or settlement, to reinstate and retry said case and to hear and determine the claims of the plaintiffs on the merits, and to enter judgment thereon upon the present pleadings, evidence, and findings of fact, with the right of appeal, rather than by certiorari, to the Supreme Court of the United States by either party: Provided, That any payment heretofore made to the said Indians by the United States in connection with any release or settlement shall be charged as an offset, but shall not be treated as an estoppel.

Approved, May 15, 1936.

CHAPTER 399. AN ACT

May 15, 1936.
[S. 3842.]
[Public, No. 593.]

To authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the Territorial Government of Wisconsin, and to assist in the celebration of the Wisconsin Centennial during the year of 1936.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in commemoration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the Territorial Government of Wisconsin, and to further and give added meaning to the centennial celebration of said State during the year of 1936, there shall be coined at a mint of the United States to be designated by the Director of the Mint not less than twenty-five thousand silver 50-cent pieces of standard size, weight, and composition and of a special appropriate single design, containing some recognized emblem of the State of Wisconsin, to be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, but the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the necessary dies and other preparations for this coinage.

SEC. 2. The coins herein authorized shall bear the date 1936, irrespective of the year in which they are minted or issued, shall be legal tender in any payment to the amount of their face value, and shall be issued only upon the request of the chairman of the Coinage Committee of the Wisconsin Centennial Celebration upon payment by him of the par value of such coins, but not less than twenty-five thousand such coins shall be issued to him at any one time and no such coins shall be issued after the expiration of one year after the date of enactment of this Act. Such coins may be disposed of at par or at a premium by such committee, and the net proceeds shall be used by it, in defraying the expenses incidental and appropriate to the commemoration of such event.

SEC. 3. All laws now in force relating to the subsidiary silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same, regulating and guarding the process of coinage, providing for the purchase of material, and for the transportation, distribution, and
redemption of coins, for the prevention of debasement or counterfeiting, for the security of the coins, or for any other purposes, whether such laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage herein authorized.

Approved, May 15, 1936.

[CHAPTER 400.]

AN ACT

To authorize the procurement, without advertising, of certain War Department property, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever proposals are invited for the furnishing of articles of Chemical Warfare or Signal property of the War Department, the character of which or the ingredients thereof are of such a nature that the interests of the public service would be injured by publicly divulging them, the chief of the supply service concerned is authorized to purchase such articles in such manner as he may deem most economical and efficient.

Approved, May 15, 1936.

[CHAPTER 401.]

AN ACT

To provide for a preliminary examination of the Sabine and Neches Rivers, with a view to controlling their floods and regulating, conserving, and utilizing the waters thereof, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted 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 and directed to cause a preliminary examination to be made of the Sabine and Neches Rivers, and their tributaries, with a view to controlling their floods and regulating, conserving, and utilizing the waters thereof, in accordance with the provisions of section 8 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the control of the floods of the Mississippi River and of the Sacramento River, California, and for other purposes”, approved March 1, 1912 1, the cost thereof to be paid from appropriations herebefore or hereafter made for examinations, surveys, and contingencies of rivers and harbors.

Approved, May 15, 1936.

[CHAPTER 402.]

AN ACT

To authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of Bridgeport, Connecticut, as a city.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the city of Bridgeport, Connecticut, there shall be coined at a mint of the United States to be designated by the Director of the Mint not less than twenty-five thousand silver 50-cent pieces of standard size, weight, and composition and of a special appropriate single design to be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, but the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the necessary dies and other preparations for this coinage.

1 So in original.