[CHAPTER 454]

AN ACT

Authorizing an appropriation for the construction, extension, and improvement of a State tuberculosis sanatorium at Galen, Montana, to provide facilities for the treatment of tuberculous Indians in Montana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $1,500,000 for the purpose of cooperating with the State of Montana for the construction, extension, and improvement of a tuberculosis sanatorium at Galen, Deer Lodge County, Montana, to provide and make available whenever required for tuberculous Indians not less than one hundred additional beds: Provided, That the expenditure of any moneys authorized to be appropriated hereunder shall be subject to the condition that the proper authorities of the said State of Montana shall promptly take necessary steps under the laws of the State of Montana to provide additional funds required to complete the construction, extension, and improvement including regulation equipment of the said sanatorium and shall submit proof of compliance with this provision to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; whereupon actual work shall proceed under the direction of the State officials and payment for such work in place shall be made monthly on vouchers properly certified by State officials to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, whose determination and approval of the proper amount chargeable to any appropriation authorized hereunder shall be final and sufficient for such payment thereof: Provided further, That the said sanatorium so constructed, extended, and improved shall be maintained by the State of Montana and shall be available to all the Indian population of said State: Provided further, That the Commissioner of Indian Affairs will reimburse the State of Montana for the care and treatment of such tuberculous Indians who may be admitted to the sanatorium under the provisions of the Johnson-O'Malley Act, at rates not in excess of the average annual per diem cost of operation for the entire sanatorium.

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[CHAPTER 455]

AN ACT

For the relief of G. F. Allen, former Chief Disbursing Officer, Treasury Department, 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 Comptroller General of the United States is authorized and directed to allow credit in the accounts of G. F. Allen, former Chief Disbursing Officer, Treasury Department, in an amount not to exceed $274.50, for the difference in his accounts arising from the loss of certain food stamps.

Sec. 2. The Comptroller General of the United States is authorized and directed to allow credit in the accounts of Frank White and W. O. Woods, former Treasurers of the United States; H. T. Tate, former Acting Treasurer of the United States; and W. A. Julian, Treasurer of the United States; for sums not to exceed $330, $1,900.38, $240, and $26,563.15, respectively, representing unavailable items in their accounts as former Treasurers, former Acting Treasurer, and Treasurer of the United States, as listed in exhibits accompanying letter of March 7, 1947, of the Acting Secretary of the Treasury to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
SEC. 3. Whenever any check, draft, or warrant, drawn upon the Treasurer of the United States or upon the Treasurer of the United States through any Federal Reserve bank, or any public debt obligation of the United States, including any obligation of any type whatever, the payment of which is guaranteed by, or assumed by, the United States, heretofore has been or hereafter may be paid in due course and without negligence by or on behalf of the Treasurer of the United States, the Treasurer shall not be liable for any such payment, and the Comptroller General of the United States is hereby authorized and directed to allow credit in the Treasurer's account for such payment: Provided, That nothing contained in this section shall be construed to relieve any person, other than the Treasurer of the United States, from any civil or criminal liability now existing or which may hereafter exist on account of any such check, draft, warrant or public debt obligation.

SEC. 4. The Comptroller General of the United States is authorized and directed to allow credit in the accounts of J. W. Reynar, certifying officer, Division of Disbursement, Treasury Department, on account of charges raised by the General Accounting Office in an amount not to exceed $217.61: Provided, That the Secretary of the Treasury shall certify to the said Comptroller General that the payments against which charges are raised appear to have been made without fraud on the part of the certifying officer.

SEC. 5. The Comptroller General of the United States is authorized and directed to allow credit in the accounts of W. A. Julian, Treasurer of the United States, for a sum not to exceed $6,680.06, representing unadjusted differences which occurred in the preparation of statements of disbursing officers' accounts during the period from November 1, 1944, to October 31, 1945.

SEC. 6. There is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not to exceed the sum of $1,351.85, of which amount (a) not to exceed the sum of $66 shall be credited to the accounts of G. F. Allen, former Chief Disbursing Officer, Division of Disbursement, Treasury Department, to the extent necessary to adjust an overdraft of $56 resulting from overpayments by his checks numbered 3,503,191 and 3,503,192, dated October 29, 1942, disbursing symbol 1-100, and to adjust an overpayment of $10 on account of check numbered 1,533,782, dated October 20, 1942, disbursing symbol 87-407; and (b) not to exceed the sum of $1,285.85 shall be credited to the Treasurer's account to the extent necessary to adjust unavailable items resulting from certain shortages, payment of original and duplicates of five checks, claim of nonreceipt of one check which was mislaid after payment by the Treasurer, and the loss of fifteen redeemed Consolidated Federal Farm Loan coupons, as listed in letter of March 7, 1947, of the Acting Secretary of the Treasury to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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[CHAPTER 456]

AN ACT

To authorize the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia to purchase machines for the recording of deeds, 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 Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia is authorized and empowered to purchase such machines and equipment as he may deem necessary or expedient for the efficient, expeditious, and economical recording of all deeds and other instruments of writing entitled by law to be