as a reservation for the use of the Metlakahtla Indians, and those people known as Metlakahtlans who, on March 3, 1891, had recently emigrated from British Columbia to Alaska, and such other Alaskan natives as may join them, to be held and used by them in common, under such rules and regulations, and subject to such restrictions, as may be prescribed from time to time by the Secretary of the Interior.

(Mar. 3, 1891, ch. 561, § 15, 26 Stat. 1101.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 358 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

§§ 496, 497. Repealed. Pub. L. 94–579, title VII, § 704(a), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2792

Section 496, act May 1, 1936, ch. 254, § 2, 49 Stat. 1250, authorized Secretary of the Interior to designate as an Indian reservation any area of land which has been reserved for use and occupancy of Indians or Eskimos under sections 280a or 495 of this title, executive order, etc. Section was formerly classified to section 358a of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

Section 497, act May 31, 1938, ch. 304, 52 Stat. 593, authorized Secretary of the Interior to reserve tracts for schools, hospitals, etc., in Alaska for Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts. Section was formerly classified to section 353a of Title 48.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Section 704(a) of Pub. L. 94–579 provided that the repeal is effective on and after Oct. 21, 1976.

SAVINGS PROVISION

Repeal by Pub. L. 94–579 not to be construed as terminating any valid lease, permit, patent, etc., existing on Oct. 21, 1976, see section 701 of Pub. L. 94–579, set out as a note under section 1701 of Title 43, Public Lands.

SUBCHAPTER VII—REINDEER INDUSTRY

§ 500. Purpose

A necessity for providing means of subsistence for the Eskimos and other natives of Alaska is hereby declared to exist. It is also declared to be the policy of Congress, and the purpose of this subchapter, to establish and maintain for the said natives of Alaska a self-sustaining economy by acquiring and organizing for and on behalf of said natives a reindeer industry or business, by encouraging and developing native activity and responsibility in all branches of the said industry or business, and by preserving the native character of the said industry or business thus established.

(Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 897, § 1, 50 Stat. 900.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 250 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

SHORT TITLE

Act Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 897, 500 Stat. 900, as amended, which enacted this subchapter, is popularly known as the ''Reindeer Industry Act of 1937''.

REPEALS

Section 17 of act Sept. 1, 1937, provided: ''All Acts of Congress or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.''

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Section 16 of act Sept. 1, 1937, authorized the appropriation of $2,000,000 for the use of the Secretary of the Interior in carrying out this subchapter.

§ 500a. Acquisition of reindeer and other property

The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed, to acquire, in the name of the United States, by purchase or other lawful means, including exercise of the power of eminent domain, for and on behalf of the Eskimos and other natives of Alaska, reindeer, reindeer-range equipment, abattoirs, cold-storage plants, warehouses, and other property, real or personal, the acquisition of which he determines to be necessary to the effectuation of the purposes of this subchapter. Any condemnation proceedings undertaken by virtue of the authority granted in this section shall conform, as nearly as may be, to the procedure provided for the condemnation of real estate by section 3113 of title 40, or to that provided by sections 3114 to 3116 and 3118 of title 40: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall authorize the Secretary of the Interior to consolidate native-owned herds of reindeer with herds owned by others than natives prior to the purchase or acquisition of such herds of others than natives.

(Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 897, § 2, 50 Stat. 900.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 250a of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

''Section 3113 of title 40'' substituted in text for ''the Act of August 1, 1888 (Chapter 728)'' and ''sections 3114 to 3116 and 3118 of title 40'' substituted in text for ''the Act of February 26, 1931 (Chapter 307)'' on authority of Pub. L. 107–217, § 5(c), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1303, the first section of which enacted Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works.

§ 500b. Filing claim of title to reindeer by non-natives

All persons, other than natives of Alaska, who upon September 1, 1937, claim title to any Alaskan reindeer shall, within one year after September 1, 1937, file in Alaska, with the duly authorized agent or agents of the Secretary of the Interior, declarations of their ownership. Similar declarations concerning Alaskan reindeer acquired by any person not a native of Alaska by purchase or by gift at any time after September 1, 1937, shall be filed as aforesaid within thirty days after the date of such acquisition. Records of all declarations thus filed shall be made and kept open to public inspection in Alaska. If any owner of Alaskan reindeer, to whom the foregoing provisions of this section are applicable, shall fail to file the required declaration within the stated period, he shall be barred thereafter from asserting his claim of title.

(Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 897, § 3, 50 Stat. 900.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 250b of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

§ 500c. Acceptance of gifts

The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to receive, in the name of the United States, for and on behalf of said natives of Alaska, gifts made for the purposes of this subchapter.

(Sept. 1, 1937, ch. 897, § 4, 50 Stat. 900.)