

THE STATE OF TEXAS
By ALLAN SHIVERS, Governor

Dated: 4-27-54

Attest: Howard Carney
Secretary of State

(SEAL)

THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
By WILLIAM C. MARLAND, Governor

Dated: 11-1-54

Attest: D. Pitt O'Brien
Secretary of State

(SEAL)

SEC. 2. The Attorney General of the United States shall make an annual report to the Congress for the duration of the Interstate Compact to Conserve Oil and Gas as to whether or not the activities of the States under the provisions of such compact have been consistent with the purpose as set out in article V of such compact.

Approved July 28, 1955.

Report to Congress.

Public Law 186

CHAPTER 421

AN ACT

To authorize the transfer to the Department of Agriculture, for agricultural purposes, of certain real property in Saint Croix, Virgin Islands.

July 28, 1955
[S. 2097]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Virgin Islands Corporation is authorized and directed to transfer and convey to the United States of America upon request of the Secretary of Agriculture, without cost, the real property comprising sixty acres more or less, together with the buildings and improvements thereon, occupied and in use by the Department of Agriculture, which property is adjacent to the southwest corner of the intersection of Centerline Road and Airport Road on the Island of St. Croix, Virgin Islands: Provided, Upon the transfer and conveyance of such property by the Virgin Islands Corporation to the United States, the interest-bearing investment of the United States in the Corporation shall be reduced by the net book value of such property.

Saint Croix, V.I.
Property transfer
to U. S.

Approved July 28, 1955.

Public Law 187

CHAPTER 422

AN ACT

To authorize the leasing of certain lands of the Yakima Tribe to the State of Washington for historical and for park purposes.

July 28, 1955
[H. R. 1802]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the leasing of Indian lands situated within the State of Washington for business and other purposes", approved August 9, 1946 (25 U. S. C., secs. 403b and 403c), or any other provision of law, the Yakima Tribe acting through its tribal council may lease to the State of Washington that land more particularly described in section 4 for the purpose of developing, maintaining, and preserving Fort Simcoe (Mool-Mool) for historical and for park purposes.

Ft. Simcoe, Wash.
Indian land lease.
60 Stat. 962.

SEC. 2. The lease entered into under authority of the first section of this Act—

(1) shall be null and void and the Yakima Tribe shall have the right of immediate possession if the State of Washington ever ceases to maintain Fort Simcoe (Mool-Mool) for historical and for park purposes;

(2) shall be entered into for a period of ninety-nine years;

(3) shall not contain any provision permitting the exploitation of any natural resource;

(4) shall specifically reserve to the Yakima Tribe all mineral and other subsurface rights in such lands which such tribe possesses on the date of enactment of this Act; and

(5) shall be entered into under such rules and regulations, and contain such other provisions, as the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe.

SEC. 3. The existing agreement between the Yakima Tribe and the State of Washington may be amended to comply with this Act.

SEC. 4. (a) The land on the Yakima Indian Reservation, Washington, which may be leased pursuant to this Act, is more particularly described as follows:

The east half of the northeast quarter of section 20, and the west half of the northwest quarter of section 21, and the west half of the east half of the northwest quarter of section 21, all in township 10 north, range 16 east, Willamette meridian, containing two hundred acres more or less.

(b) Such additional tribal lands of the Yakima Tribe as adjoin the land described in subsection (a) may, pursuant to all of the terms and conditions of this Act, be leased by such tribe, acting through its tribal council, to the State of Washington.

Approved July 28, 1955.

Public Law 188

CHAPTER 423

AN ACT

To authorize the purchase, sale, and exchange of certain Indian lands on the Yakima Indian Reservation, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) for the purpose of effecting consolidations of land, situated within the Yakima Indian Reservation in the State of Washington, between the Yakima Tribes of Indians and individual members of the tribes and other Indians, for the mutual benefit of the tribes and the individual members thereof, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized in his discretion to—

(1) purchase for the Yakima Tribes, with tribal funds of such tribes on deposit in the United States Treasury, or otherwise, any lands held by individual members of the Yakima Tribes and other Indians under trust patent or other restrictions against alienation including lands in heirship status, within the Yakima Indian Reservation, including interests therein or improvements thereon, water rights, and surface rights;

(2) sell to individual members of the Yakima Tribes any tribal trust lands within such reservation, including lands, interests, improvements, and rights acquired for the tribes under this Act; and

July 28, 1955
[H. R. 1801]

Yakima Indian
Reservation,
Consolidation of
lands.