Public Law 85-614

AN ACT

To establish the Hudson-Champlain Celebration Commission, 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) there is hereby established a Commission to be known as the “Hudson-Champlain Celebration Commission” (hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”) which shall be composed of twenty-one members as follows:

(1) Four members who shall be Members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) Four members who shall be Members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(3) Thirteen members to be appointed by the President.

(b) The President shall, at the time of appointment, designate one of the members appointed by him to serve as Chairman. The members of the Commission shall receive no salary.

SEC. 2. The functions of the Commission shall be to develop and to execute suitable plans for the celebration, in 1959, of the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the exploratory voyages in 1609 of Henry Hudson and Samuel de Champlain which signaled the beginning of settlements whose influence on our history, culture, law, and commerce extend through generations to the present day, settlements whose significance is recognized not only by their parent countries, sister nations across the seas, but by untold others who have come from foreign lands to find in America a new homeland. In carrying out its functions, the Commission is authorized to cooperate with and to assist the New York State Department of Commerce and any other agency created or designated by the Legislature of the State of New York, the State of New Jersey, or the State of Vermont for the purpose of planning and promoting the Hudson-Champlain Celebration. If the participation of other nations in the celebration is deemed advisable, the Commission may communicate to that end with the governments of such nations through the State Department.

SEC. 3. The Commission may employ, without regard to the civil-service laws or the Classification Act of 1949, such employees as may be necessary in carrying out its functions. Service of an individual as a member of the Commission shall not be considered as service or employment bringing such individual within the provisions of sections 216, 281, 288, 284, 434, or 1914 of title 18 of the United States Code, or section 190 of the Revised Statutes (5 U.S.C. 99); nor shall any member of the Commission by reason of his status as such be deemed to be an “officer of the Government” within the meaning of the Act of April 27, 1916 (5 U.S.C. 101).

SEC. 4. Notwithstanding section 2 of the Act of July 31, 1894 (28 Stat. 205), as amended (5 U.S.C. 62), or section 6 of the Act of May 10, 1916 (39 Stat. 120), as amended (5 U.S.C. 58, 59), the Chairman of the Commission may appoint to, and employ in, any civilian office or position in the Commission, and pay, any retired commissioned officer, or retired warrant officer, of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, or Public Health Service. The retired status, office, rank, and grade of retired commissioned officers or retired warrant officers, so appointed or employed and, except as provided in section 212 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 406), as amended (5 U.S.C. 59a), any emolument, perquisite, right, privilege, or benefit incident to or arising out
of any such status, office, rank, or grade, shall be in no way affected
by reason of such appointment to or employment in, or by reason
of service in, or acceptance or holding of, any civilian office or posi­
tion in the Commission or the receipt of the pay thereof.

Sec. 5. (a) The Commission is authorized to accept donations of
money, property, or personal services; to cooperate with patriotic
and historical societies and with institutions of learning; and to call
upon other Federal departments or agencies for their advice and
assistance in carrying out the purposes of this Act. The Commission,
to such extent as it finds to be necessary, may, without regard to the
laws and procedures applicable to Federal agencies procure supplies,
services, and property and make contracts, and may exercise those
powers that are necessary to enable it to carry out efficiently and
in the public interest the purposes of this Act.

(b) Expenditures of the Commission shall be paid by the executive
officer of the Commission, who shall keep complete records of such
expenditures and who shall account also for all funds received by
the Commission. A report of the activities of the Commission, includ­
ing an accounting of funds received and expended, shall be furnished
by the Commission to the Congress within two months following the
celebration as prescribed by this Act. The Commission shall
terminate upon submission of its report to the Congress.

(c) Any property acquired by the Commission remaining upon
termination of the celebration may be used by the Secretary of the
Interior for purposes of the National Park system or may be disposed
of as surplus property. The net revenues, after payment of Com­
mission expenses, derived from Commission activities, shall be
deposited in the Treasury of the United States.

Sec. 6. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum
of $50,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Sec. 7. The Commission shall expire upon the completion of its
duties, but in no event later than March 1, 1960.

Approved August 8, 1958.

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AN ACT
To amend the law with respect to civil and criminal jurisdiction over Indian
country in Alaska.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (a)
of section 1162, title 18, United States Code, is amended (i) by insert­
ing after “State” each time the word appears, except in the second
column of the list in subsection (a) of section 1162, “or Territory”,
(ii) by inserting after “States” each time the word appears “or Terri­
tories”, and (iii) by adding at the beginning of the list in subsection
(a) of section 1162 the following:

“Alaska------------------------ All Indian country within the Territory”;

Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 1360, title 28, United States Code,
is amended (i) by inserting after “State” each time the word appears,
except in the second column of the list in subsection (a) of section
1360, “or Territory”, (ii) by inserting after “States” each time the
word appears “or Territories”, and (iii) by adding at the beginning
of the list in subsection (a) of section 1360 the following:

“Alaska------------------------ All Indian country within the Territory”.

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