AN ACT

To facilitate the work of the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding the provisions of existing law, except the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act and without regard to section 355, Revised Statutes, as amended (40 U.S.C. 255), but within the limitations of cost otherwise applicable, appropriations of the Department of Agriculture may be expended for the erection of buildings and other structures on land owned by States, counties, municipalities, or other political subdivisions, corporations, or individuals: Provided, That prior to such erection there is obtained the right to use the land for the estimated life of or need for the structure, including the right to remove any such structure within a reasonable time after the termination of the right to use the land: Provided further, That appropriations and funds available to the Department of Agriculture shall be available for expenses in connection with acquiring the right to use land for such purposes under long-term lease or other agreement.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to make grants, for periods not to exceed five years' duration, to State agricultural experiment stations, colleges, universities, and other research institutions and organizations and to Federal and private organizations and individuals for research to further the programs of the Department of Agriculture. Each recipient of assistance under this section shall keep such records as the Secretary shall prescribe, including records which fully disclose the amount and disposition by such recipient of the proceeds of such grants, the total cost of the project or undertaking in connection with which such funds are given or used, and the amount of that portion of the costs of the project or undertaking supplied by other sources, and such other records as will facilitate an effective audit. The Secretary of Agriculture and the Comptroller General of the United States or any of their duly authorized representatives shall have access for the purpose of audit and examination to any books, documents, papers, and records of the recipients that are pertinent to the grants received under this section.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to obtain insurance to cover the liability of any employee of the Department of Agriculture for damage to or loss of property or personal injury or death caused by the act or omission of any such employee while acting within the scope of his office or employment and while operating a motor vehicle belonging to the United States in a foreign country.

Sec. 4. Section 602 of the Agricultural Act of 1954 (68 Stat. 908) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(e) Any officer or employee appointed and assigned to a post abroad pursuant to this title may, in the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture, be assigned for duty in the continental United States, without regard to the civil service laws (and without reduction in grade if an appropriate position at the employee's grade is not available in any agency of the Department of Agriculture), for a period of not more than three years: Provided, That the total number of such employees assigned for duty in the continental United States under this provision shall not exceed fifteen at any one time: Provided further, That this Act shall not increase the number of persons employed at grade GS-16, GS-17, or GS-18."
SEC. 5. Section 104(a) of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1704), is further amended by inserting, after the word "Provided," the following: "That the Secretary of Agriculture may release such amounts of the foreign currencies so set aside as he determines not to be needed, within a reasonable period of time, for such purpose: Provided further;"


(1) by striking the word "insurance" and substituting the word "benefits";

(2) by inserting after "Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Act of 1954" the words "and the Federal Employees Health Benefits Act of 1959;"; and

(3) by inserting after "employees' life insurance fund" the words "or the employees' health benefits fund, as the case may be;"

SEC. 7. Section 1 of the Act of July 12, 1943 (5 U.S.C. 542-1), is hereby amended by striking out the word "reimbursed" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "credited with advances or reimbursements" and inserting after the word "Provided," the following: "That such advances shall not be available for any period beyond that provided by the Act appropriating the funds: Provided further;"

SEC. 8. Subject to limitations applicable with respect to each appropriation concerned, each appropriation available to the Department of Agriculture may be charged, at any time during a fiscal year, for the benefit of any other appropriation available to the Department, for the purpose of financing the procurement of materials and services, or financing activities or other costs, for which funds are available both in the financing appropriation so charged and in the appropriation so benefited; except that such expenses so financed shall be charged on a final basis, as of a date not later than the close of such fiscal year, to the appropriations so benefited, with appropriate credit to the financing appropriation.

SEC. 9. Section 8f of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933, as amended (7 U.S.C. 608f), is hereby repealed.

Approved August 4, 1965.

Public Law 89-107

AN ACT

To amend the law relating to the final disposition of the property of the Choctaw Tribe.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of August 25, 1959 (73 Stat. 420), as amended by Act of August 24, 1962 (76 Stat. 405), is amended as follows: The words "six years", which appear twice in section 1(a), once in section 1(d), once in section 11, once in section 12(a), and once in section 12(b), are changed to "nine years."

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