

lend themselves best to the advancement of the preparation of such history and to the employment of distinguished scholars qualified to achieve the desired standards and independence in the work which they undertake.

Lectures.

(b) To finance an annual lecture or series of lectures, at times and places determined by the Committee, to be given each year at a different institution of higher learning in various parts of the country by a lecturer of distinction engaged by the Committee on a subject of his choice. The lectures shall be known as the Oliver Wendell Holmes Lectures.

Memorial volume.

(c) To finance the preparation and publication of the memorial volume contemplated by section 2 of the Act of October 22, 1940 (54 Stat. 1206) containing Justice Holmes' writings and other material.

54 Stat. 1207.

Gifts, etc.

SEC. 5. The Committee is authorized to accept, receive, hold, and administer such gifts or bequests of money, securities, or other personal property as may be approved by the Committee, and it may sell or otherwise dispose of such securities or other personal property. All moneys received shall be paid into, administered, and expended as a part of the fund.

Employees.

63 Stat. 954.
5 USC 1071 note.

SEC. 6. The Committee 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.

Voluntary and cooperative services.

SEC. 7. The Committee may accept and utilize services of voluntary and uncompensated personnel and pay any such personnel when engaged in the work of the Committee necessary travel and subsistence expenses or in the alternative, transportation and not to exceed \$20 per diem in lieu of subsistence; cooperate with legal, philosophical, and historical societies and institutions of learning; and call upon Federal agencies for their advice and assistance in carrying out its functions. Any Federal agency furnishing advice or assistance to the Committee may expend its own funds for this purpose, with or without reimbursement from the Committee as may be agreed upon by the Committee and the agency. The Committee, to such extent as it finds to be necessary, may, without regard to the laws or procedures applicable to Federal agencies, procure transportation, 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.

Expenditures and disbursements.

SEC. 8. The Chairman, with the approval of the Committee, is authorized to determine the character and necessity of expenditures from the fund and the manner in which such expenditures are incurred, allowed and paid. Disbursements from the fund shall be made through the disbursing facilities of the Treasury Department.

SEC. 9. All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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CHAPTER 573

August 5, 1955
[H. R. 2972]

AN ACT

To require the recordation of scrip, lieu selection, and similar rights.

Land scrips.
Recordation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any owner of, and any person claiming rights to, Valentine scrip, issued under the Act of April 5, 1872 (17 Stat. 649); Sioux Half-Breed scrip, issued under the Act of July 17, 1854 (10 Stat. 304); Supreme Court scrip, issued under the Acts of June 22, 1860 (12 Stat. 85), March 2, 1867

(14 Stat. 544), and June 10, 1872 (17 Stat. 378); Surveyor-General scrip, issued under the Act of June 2, 1858 (11 Stat. 294); a soldier's additional homestead right, granted by sections 2306 and 2307 of the Revised Statutes; a forest lieu selection right, assertable under the Act of March 3, 1905 (33 Stat. 1264); a lieu selection right conferred by the Act of July 1, 1898 (30 Stat. 597); a bounty land warrant issued under the Act of March 3, 1855 (10 Stat. 701); or any lieu selection or scrip right or bounty land warrant, or right in the nature of scrip issued under any Act of Congress not enumerated herein (except the indemnity selection rights of any State, or the Territory of Alaska), shall, within two years from the effective date of this Act, present his holdings or claim for recordation by the Department of the Interior.

43 USC 274, 278.

SEC. 2. In the case of a transfer after the effective date of this Act, by assignment, inheritance, operation of law, or otherwise of a holding or claim of any right recorded under this Act, the holding or claim of right so transferred shall be presented to the Department of the Interior within six months after such transfer, for recordation by it; except that where such transfer occurs within the period of two years from the effective date of this Act and the prior owner has not complied with provisions of this Act, the owner or claimant by transfer shall have the remainder of such period or a period of six months, whichever is the longer, within which to present his claims or holdings for recordation.

SEC. 3. There shall be endorsed on the evidence of the right or warrant each recordation thereof.

SEC. 4. Claims or holdings not presented for recordation, as prescribed herein, shall not thereafter be accepted by the Secretary of the Interior for recordation or as a basis for the acquisition of lands.

SEC. 5. Within thirty days after the effective date of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall cause to be published in the Federal Register a notice setting forth the recordation requirements of this Act. Within one year after the effective date of this Act the Secretary shall also cause notices of the recordation requirements of this Act to be published in such newspapers, posted in such public offices, and given publicity by such other means as he deems feasible and appropriate for the dissemination of information concerning the recordation requirements of this Act to persons who may have holdings or claims that are subject to such requirements.

Publication in
FR.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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CHAPTER 574

AN ACT

To amend section 8a (4) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended.

August 5, 1955
[S. 1051]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 8a (4) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (7 U. S. C. 12a (4)), is amended to read as follows:

Commodity ex-
changes.
Registration
fees.
49 Stat. 1500.

“(4) to fix and establish from time to time reasonable fees and charges for registrations and renewals thereof and for copies of registration certificates; and”.

Approved August 5, 1955.