

approved by the Secretary for the purpose of carrying out the purposes of this Act."

Approved July 14, 1956.

Public Law 716

CHAPTER 602

AN ACT

To ratify and confirm Act 249 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1955, as amended, and to authorize the issuance of certain highway revenue bonds by the Territory of Hawaii.

July 14, 1956
[H. R. 7426]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Territory of Hawaii, any provision of the Hawaiian Organic Act or any other Act of Congress to the contrary notwithstanding, is authorized and empowered to issue highway revenue bonds in a sum not to exceed \$50,000,000 payable from funds derived from highway vehicle fuel taxes, for the purpose of providing for the construction of highways in the Territory. The issuance of such revenue bonds shall not constitute the incurrence of an indebtedness within the meaning of the Hawaiian Organic Act, and shall not require the approval of the President of the United States.

Hawaii.
Highway revenue
bonds.
31 Stat. 141.
48 USC 491note.

SEC. 2. All bonds issued under authority of section 1 shall be issued pursuant to legislation enacted by the Legislature of the Territory which shall provide (1) that, so long as any of the bonds are outstanding, highway vehicle fuel taxes shall be levied and collected in amounts at least sufficient to provide for the payment of the principal of the bonds and the interest thereon, as such principal and interest become due (except that interest due upon any such bonds during the first year after their date of issuance may be paid from the proceeds of sale of the bonds); (2) that the superintendent of public works of the Territory, or any officer or agency succeeding to his powers and duties in respect to highways, shall have the power to issue and sell the bonds and to expend the proceeds and provide for the repayment thereof, in accordance with standards and pursuant to provisions which shall be set forth in such legislation; and (3) that the office of the superintendent of public works, or an office or agency succeeding to the powers and duties of that office in respect of highways, shall be continued in existence and shall retain the powers and duties set forth in such legislation, so long as any of the bonds are outstanding.

SEC. 3. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to prevent the application of Federal-aid highway funds to aid in the retirement of said bonds, to the extent now or hereafter permitted by the Acts of Congress relating to the use of such funds.

Federal-aid high-
way funds.

SEC. 4. As used in this Act, the term "highway vehicle fuel taxes" means taxes in respect to the fuel for operating a motor vehicle or motor vehicles upon the highways, as defined and imposed by the laws of the Territory of Hawaii, but in the event the legislation providing for such tax levies the same in respect to other fuel and does not provide for the segregation of the taxes in respect to the fuel for operating a motor vehicle or motor vehicles upon the highways, then the term "highway vehicle fuel taxes" includes as well all such taxes in respect to fuel as are commingled with the taxes in respect to the fuel for operating a motor vehicle or motor vehicles upon the highways.

"Highway ve-
hicle fuel taxes."

SEC. 5. Act 249 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1955, is hereby amended to the extent of inserting in section 5961 therein set forth the public law number as may be assigned to this bill upon its enactment.

SEC. 6. Act 249 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1955, as amended by section 5 above is hereby approved and ratified.

Approved July 14, 1956.

Public Law 717

CHAPTER 603

July 14, 1956
[H. R. 7663]

AN ACT

To provide for settlement in part of certain claims of the Uintah and White River Bands of Ute Indians in Court of Claims case numbered 47568, through restoration of subsurface rights in certain lands formerly a part of the Uintah Indian Reservation.

Uintah and White
River Bands of
Indians.
Claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That after acceptance by the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, in Utah, of the provisions of this Act and the filing by the Uintah and White River Bands of Ute Indians of an amendment to the petition in Court of Claims case numbered 47568, as provided in section 5 hereof, all right, title, and interest in and to the mineral and oil and gas resources of the land described in section 6, shall be restored to tribal ownership and vested in the United States in trust for the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation in Utah, subject to valid leases, locations, or other claims that are outstanding as of the effective date of this Act and that are thereafter maintained in compliance with the laws under which they were initiated, and all rentals, royalties, or other payments received by the United States under or on account of such leases after the effective date of this Act shall be deposited into the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservations, in Utah, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of May 17, 1926 (44 Stat. 560), as amended (25 U. S. C., sec. 155), and shall be subject to division between the full-blood and the mixed-blood groups, and shall be available for advance or expenditure, in accordance with the provisions of sections 10 and 11 of the Act of August 27, 1954 (68 Stat. 868).

68 Stat. 873.

SEC. 2. The Ute Indian tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, in Utah, acting by the tribal business committee representing the full-blood group, and the authorized representatives of the mixed-blood group (in accordance with section 10 of the Act of August 27, 1954, 68 Stat. 868), may prospect, mine, drill, remove, process, or otherwise exploit any or all of the mineral and oil and gas resources of the land described in section 6 of this Act that are not covered by valid leases, locations, or other claims as of the effective date of this Act; may sell or otherwise dispose of any or all of the production obtained through the exploitation of such resources by said tribe; and may issue leases or permits for the prospecting, mining, drilling, removal, or processing of such resources. Each such action shall be in accordance with the provisions of law and of the constitution, bylaws, and corporate charter of said tribe that would be applicable to the taking of like action with respect to mineral resources within the Uintah and Ouray Reservation. Any operations conducted pursuant to this section or under a lease or permit issued pursuant to this section shall also be subject to the direction and control of the Secretary of Agriculture to the extent provided in section 3 of this Act. The mineral resources of the land described in section 6 shall not be subject to disposition otherwise than as provided in this section, except in pursuance of valid leases, locations or other claims existing at the time this Act becomes effective and thereafter maintained in compliance with the laws under which the same were initiated.