
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 12, 1924.

Mr. CARTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

Conferring jurisdiction upon the Court of Claims to hear, examine, consider, and adjudicate claims which the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians may have against the United States, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That jurisdiction be, and is hereby, conferred upon the Court
4 of Claims to hear, examine, consider, and adjudicate any
5 and all claims arising under or growing out of any treaty
6 stipulation or agreement of the United States with the
7 Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian Nations or Tribes, or any
8 Act of Congress, in relation to Indian affairs, which said
9 Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian Nations or Tribes may
10 have against the United States and which claims have not
11 heretofore been determined or adjudicated: *Provided*, That
12 said Court of Claims shall also hear, examine, consider, and

1 adjudicate any claims which the United States may have
2 against said Indian nations: *Provided further*, That the
3 suits be instituted within two years from date of approval
4 of this Act: *Provided also*, That from decisions of the Court
5 of Claims in said suits appeals may be taken as in other cases
6 to the Supreme Court of the United States.

7 The Court of Claims shall have full authority by proper
8 orders and process to bring in and make parties to such suits
9 any or all persons deemed by it necessary or proper to the
10 final determination of the matters in controversy.

11 The claim or claims of each of said Indian nations
12 shall be presented separately or jointly by petition in the
13 Court of Claims, and such action shall make the petitioner
14 party plaintiff or plaintiffs and the United States party de-
15 fendant. Such petition on the part of any such nation or
16 tribe shall be verified by the attorney or attorneys employed
17 to prosecute such claim or claims under contract or contracts
18 with the principal chief or governor of the nation or tribe
19 interested and approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

20 A copy of the petition shall, in each case, be served
21 upon the Attorney General of the United States, and he or
22 some attorney from the Department of Justice, to be desig-
23 nated by him, is hereby directed to appear and defend the
24 interests of the United States in said cases.

1 Any and all claims against the United States within
2 the purview of this Act shall be forever barred unless suit be
3 instituted or petition filed in the Court of Claims within
4 two years from the date of approval of this Act as provided
5 herein. Upon the final determination of any suit or action
6 instituted under this Act the Court of Claims shall decree
7 such amount or amounts as it shall find reasonable to pay the
8 attorney or attorneys employed therein by any of the above-
9 named Indian nations for their services and expenses, and
10 in no case shall the aggregate amounts decreed by said Court
11 of Claims be in excess of the amount or amounts stipulated
12 in the contract of employment or in excess of a sum equal
13 to 10 per centum of the amount of recovery against the
14 United States.

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