Public Law 93-530

An Act

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to purchase property located within the San Carlos Mineral Strip.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") is hereby authorized and directed to acquire through purchase within the so-called San Carlos Mineral Strip as of January 24, 1969, all privately owned real property, taking title thereto in the name of the United States in trust for the San Carlos Apache Indian Tribe.

Sec. 2. The Secretary is authorized and directed to purchase from the owners all range improvements of a permanent nature placed, under the authority of a permit from or agreement with the United States, on the lands restored to the San Carlos Apache Indian Tribe for the reasonable value of such improvements, as determined by the Secretary: Provided, however, That, if any such range improvements were constructed under cooperative agreement with the Federal Government, the reasonable value shall be decreased proportionately by the percentage of original Federal participation. Such permanent improvements shall include, but not be limited to, wells, windmills, water tanks, ponds, dams, roads, fences, corrals and buildings. The Secretary shall take title to such range improvements in the name of the United States in trust for the San Carlos Apache Indian Tribe.

Sec. 3. There are authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of this Act not to exceed $3,000,000 to be available without fiscal year limitation: Provided, That in no event shall any person receive total compensation under this Act in excess of $300,000: Provided further, That the Secretary shall make a fair determination of compensation for property acquired pursuant to this Act: And provided further, That the Secretary shall make such appraisals and require the owners to present such documents as title, tax assessment, bills of sale, other paper, and other evidence which he may deem necessary for such determination.

Approved December 22, 1974.