

Section 302. Advance on Royalty.—This section is believed acceptable to both Interior and Governor Hickel. The Task Force would prefer a greater advance royalty, but decided to ask for \$20,000,000, about \$250 per person on the rolls, as they considered that a greater asking might antagonize some persons.

Section 303. Computation of Term.—This section, which is self-explanatory, in effect guarantees the natives that they will receive at least \$65,000,000 during the twenty-five year term. This recent addition to the legislation has, to date, only received the approval of the State of Alaska. The Task Force believes that some such provision should be included.

Section 304. Modification and Termination.—A revision of the Interior draft, this section is self-explanatory.

Section 305. Distribution to Native Groups.—See generally, on this section and Sections 306 and 307, the report of the Task Force to Governor Hickel.

Section 306. Distribution to Native Regional Corporation.—See comments to Section 305.

Section 307. Distribution to Native Statewide Corporation.—Self-explanatory.

Section 308. Temporary Advancements.—Taken from Interior draft, this revised provision will permit possible distribution of funds before the final rolls are completed.

Section 309. Development of Revenues.—The Task Force believes that if the natives are to accept the gamble offered by Secretary Udall in lieu of compensation for their lands, including those already lost, the United States should commit itself to play the game. We would not want the United States to later decide to lock up the outer continental shelf.

Section 401. Aboriginal Use and Occupancy.—This section is a revision of 3(e), p. 10 of S. 1964, but it is much broader and the permit period on third party lands is extended to 100 years.

Section 402. Termination and Compensation.—This section notes the methods of termination of aboriginal rights, and provides that such termination shall be non-compensable. It assumes an adequate overall settlement.

Section 501. Final Settlement of Native Claims.—Compare Section 6, S 1964.

Section 502. Time for Filing Claims.—Self-explanatory. Note that the principal purpose of the claim is to delimit the area within which a group has preference rights of land selection.

Section 503. Conflicting Claims.—Because of the limited function of claims, relatively little litigation is expected on conflicting claims.

Section 504. Claims of New Villages.—Native villages have relocated or been reestablished during the last 100 years as a result of volcanic explosion, flood, loss of game, and other reasons. This section permits these villages to participate in the settlement.

Section 505. Claims of Abandoned Villages.—This section provides for situations such as Kenai, where the native village has been absorbed, and villages which have been involuntarily abandoned. In the latter case, only a few native group corporations based upon abandoned villages are expected, as most members of these villages have formed or have affiliations with other groups.

Section 506. Merger of Claims and Groups.—While Alaska natives historically have not had strong central organizations, a move in this direction has been evident in recent years. The Task Force believes this movement should be recognized and encouraged.

Section 507. Enrollment.—This section provides for the principles of enrollment. Generally, the group is the judge, but every native is entitled to enrollment and may apply to the commission for relief if he is denied enrollment.

Section 508. Enrollment of Regional Native Corporations and the Statewide Native Corporation.—Self-explanatory.

Section 509. Exclusion of Metlakahla Indians.—Compare Section 4(b) of S. 1964.

Section 510. Alaska Federation of Natives and Regional Associations.—This section permits certain existing organizations to become the statewide native corporation or regional native corporations provided for in this act.

Also, it provides for effective merger of villages into regional associations, a development which is now occurring. Compare Sec. 506.

Section 511. Continuation of Programs.—The Task Force regards the proposed settlement as modest. After its accomplishment the average native for many years will still need the benefits of existing Bureau of Indian Affairs programs. The settlement should not be used as an excuse to terminate Indian programs.

Section 512. Incorporation.—This section establishes some basic rules for incorporation under state law.