

miles thereof for a period of over one year, and that the term 'native Indians' as used herein shall be taken to mean members of the aboriginal races inhabiting Alaska when annexed to the United States, and their descendants of the whole or half blood."

Approved, April 16, 1934.

[CHAPTER 147.]

AN ACT

April 16, 1934.
[S. 2571.]
[Public, No. 167.]

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to arrange with States or Territories for the education, medical attention, relief of distress, and social welfare of Indians, and for other purposes.

Contracts with States, etc., for the welfare of Indians.

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 is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to enter into a contract or contracts with any State or Territory having legal authority so to do, for the education, medical attention, agricultural assistance, and social welfare, including relief of distress, of Indians in such State or Territory, through the qualified agencies of such State or Territory, and to expend under such contract or contracts moneys appropriated by Congress for the education, medical attention, agricultural assistance, and social welfare, including relief of distress, of Indians in such State.

Federal expense.

Existing facilities to be utilized.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior, in making any contract herein authorized with any State or Territory, may permit such State or Territory to utilize for the purpose of this Act, existing school buildings, hospitals, and other facilities, and all equipment therein or appertaining thereto, including livestock and other personal property owned by the Government, under such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon for their use and maintenance.

Rules, including minimum standards of service, to be established.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to perform any and all acts and to make such rules and regulations, including minimum standards of service, as may be necessary and proper for the purpose of carrying the provisions of this Act into effect: *Provided*, That such minimum standards of service are not less than the highest maintained by the States or Territories with which said contract or contracts, as herein provided, are executed.

Proviso.
Rating.

Annual report to Congress.

SEC. 4. That the Secretary of the Interior shall report annually to the Congress any contract or contracts made under the provisions of this Act, and the moneys expended thereunder.

Not applicable to Oklahoma.

SEC. 5. That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to the State of Oklahoma.

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[CHAPTER 148.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

April 16, 1934.
[S.J. Res. 15.]
[Pub. Res., No. 19.]

Extending to the whaling and fishing industries certain benefits granted under section 11 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, as amended.

Merchant Marine Act of 1920.
Benefits of construction loan fund provided in, extended to whaling and fishing industries.
Vol. 44, p. 1451; Vol. 45, p. 690; Vol. 46, p. 1059.
U.S.C., Supp. VII, p. 963.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the administration of section 11 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, as amended (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 46, sec. 870), the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to extend to citizens of the United States engaged in the whaling and/or fishing industries the same benefits that are authorized by such section, as amended, to be extended to persons citizens of the United States for the construction, outfitting, equipment, reconditioning, remodeling, and improvement of certain vessels. All loans made under authority of this resolution from the construction loan