

AMENDING ACT AUTHORIZING PURCHASE BY McMINN-  
VILLE, OREG., OF CERTAIN LANDS

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Mr. SINNOTT, from the Committee on the Public Lands, submitted  
the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. R. 8534]

The Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8534) to amend an act entitled "An act to alter and amend an act entitled 'An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific Railroad, in California, to Portland, in Oregon,' approved July 25, 1866, as amended by the acts of 1868 and 1869, and to alter and amend an act entitled 'An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from Portland to Astoria and McMinnville, in the State of Oregon,' approved May 4, 1870, and for other purposes," having considered the same, report it to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendment:

Amend the title of the bill to read:

To amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the purchase by the city of McMinnville, Oregon, of certain lands formerly embraced in the grant to the Oregon and California Railroad Company and vested in the United States by the act approved June 9, 1916," approved February 25, 1919. (40 Stat. 1153.)

The reasons for the enactment of the above bill are fully explained in a letter from the Secretary of the Interior, dated February 26, 1926, to the chairman of this committee, which letter is herein set out in full for the information of the House, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, February 26, 1926.

Hon. N. J. SINNOTT,  
*Chairman Committee on the Public Lands,  
House of Representatives.*

MY DEAR MR. SINNOTT: I have your request for report on (H. R. 8534) a bill to amend the act approved February 5, 1919 (40 Stat. 1153), by eliminating

therefrom the SW.  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW.  $\frac{1}{2}$  sec. 3, and N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  SE.  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 13, T. 3 S., R. 6 W., Willamette meridian, Oregon.

The said act of February 5, 1919, authorized the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent to the city of McMinnville, Oreg., for the SW.  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  SW.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW.  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW.  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE.  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE.  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 3, NW.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  NE.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE.  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE.  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 11, N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  and N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  sec. 13, T. 3 S., R. 6 W., Willamette meridian, Oregon, embracing 1,160 acres, on condition that the city shall first pay to the United States the sum of \$2.50 per acre for all of said lands and the appraised price of the timber on all such lands as may be classified as timber lands. The purpose thereof it appears is to provide the means whereby the city may secure an adequate water supply and to insure protection of the same. The lands involved were formerly embraced in the grant to the Oregon & California Railroad Co., and revested in the United States under the act of June 9, 1916. (39 Stat. 218.)

The present bill proposes to eliminate from those lands which the city of McMinnville is authorized to purchase by the said act of February 25, 1919, such subdivisions in sections 3 and 13 as have been classified as timber lands, thereby leaving the remaining lands subject to such purchase at the rate of \$2.50 per acre in addition to the appraised price of the timber on the SE.  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 11, which tract has been classified as timber land and is shown to contain 510,000 feet, board measure, of merchantable timber.

It does not appear that the interests of the Government will be adversely affected by the proposed amendment, and I have therefore no objection to the passage of the bill.

Attention is, however, called to the fact that the title to this bill does not agree with the amendment as proposed in the bill itself and the title should therefore be changed to read as follows:

"A bill to amend an act entitled 'An act to authorize the purchase by the city of McMinnville, Oreg., of certain lands formerly embraced in the grant to the Oregon & California Railroad Co. and revested in the United States by the act approved June 9, 1916,' approved February 25, 1919. (40 Stat. 1153.)"

Very truly yours,

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