

GRANTING CERTAIN LANDS TO BOUNTIFUL, UTAH,  
FOR PROTECTION OF WATERSHED

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 13212]

The Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 13212) "Granting certain lands to the city of Bountiful, Utah, to protect the watershed of the water-supply system of said city," having considered the same, report it favorably to the House with the recommendation that it do pass without amendment.

The report of the Secretary of the Interior, dated December 24, 1926, to the chairman of this committee sets out in detail the reasons for the enactment of the above legislation. The above letter is made a part of this report for the information of the House, as follows:

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, December 24, 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. 13212.

This bill proposes to grant all sec. 24, T. 2 N., R. 1 E., Salt Lake meridian, Utah, to the city of Bountiful, Utah, for the protection of the watershed furnishing the water for said city.

The land described in the bill is embraced in homestead entry Salt Lake City 022488 made by Salvator De Lucca, May 29, 1919, which entry is pending before the department on appeal from the decision of the General Land Office of August 16, 1926, holding the entry for cancellation.

By Executive Order No. 4070, said section 24, together with sec. 12, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 14 and E $\frac{1}{2}$ , sec. 22, said township and range, was temporarily withdrawn from settlement, location, sale entry or other forms of disposition preliminary to proposed legislation to protect the domestic water supply of the towns of Bountiful and Centerville, Utah, under the provisions of the act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stat., 847) as amended by the act of August 24, 1912 (37 Stat., 497). Under said acts lands are excepted from the force and effect of such withdrawals, which are on the date thereof embraced in lawful homestead or

desert land entries theretofore made or upon which valid settlements were made and are at the date of said withdrawal being maintained and perfected pursuant to law.

Inasmuch as section 2 of the bill excludes land which at the date of the issuance of patent shall be covered by a valid existing bona fida right or claim initiated under the laws of the United States the bill if it becomes an act will not be effective as to the tract included in the said homestead entry unless such entry is canceled.

In view thereof, I see no objection to the enactment of the bill into law.

Very truly yours,

E. C. FINNEY,  
*Acting Secretary.*

