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Description.

That part of lot 1, section 25, township 45 north, range 2 east, beginning at a point marked by a stone monument bearing south forty degrees, forty-two minutes, fifty and seven one-hundredths feet distant from the center of the front range light mast, and running north forty-six degrees, forty-seven minutes, twenty-two and thirteen one-hundredths seconds west, four hundred and eight and seventy-seven one-hundredths feet; thence north forty-three degrees, twelve minutes, thirty-seven and eighty-seven one-hundredths seconds east, one hundred feet; thence south forty-six degrees, forty-seven minutes, twenty-two and thirteen one-hundredths seconds east, four hundred and fifty-three feet, more or less, to the shore of the Saint Marys River; thence along said shore in a southwesterly direction to the point of intersection of said shore with a line bearing south forty-six degrees, forty-seven minutes, twenty-two and thirteen one-hundredths seconds east from the point of beginning; thence along said last line north forty-six degrees, forty-seven minutes, twenty-two and thirteen one-hundredths seconds west, fifty-four feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; for and in consideration of the said Robert P. Hudson granting and conveying to the United States in fee simple, free and clear of all mortgages, liens, encumbrances, taxes, or claims of any kind whatsoever, the following-described premises:

Lands conveyed by Robert P. Hudson as consideration.

Description.

That part of lot 1, section 25, township 45 north, range 2 east, beginning at a point twenty feet south forty-four degrees sixteen minutes west from the center of the cast-iron mast supporting the Point of Woods Range Front Light, center of said mast being two hundred and six feet north thirty-eight degrees fifty minutes east from the location of the old front light of the Point of Woods Range; thence north forty-five degrees forty-four minutes west three hundred and fifty feet; thence north forty-four degrees sixteen minutes east sixty feet more or less, to the Saint Marys River; thence southeasterly along the shore of the Saint Marys River to its intersection with a line through the point of beginning and bearing south forty-five degrees forty-four minutes east; thence north forty-five degrees forty-four minutes west along the above line one hundred feet, more or less to the point of beginning, all bearings given being from the true north:

Provisos.
Validity of title to be examined.

Provided: That the Attorney General shall first examine the title of the said Robert P. Hudson to premises to be conveyed to the United States as aforesaid and shall furnish his written opinion in favor of the validity thereof: *Provided further*, That the said Robert P. Hudson, within such reasonable time after the passage of this bill, as may be determined by the Secretary of Commerce, shall deed to the United States the premises herein described to be conveyed by him: *And provided further*, That the said Robert P. Hudson shall furnish, free of expense to the United States, requisite abstracts, official certifications, and evidences of title that the Attorney General may deem necessary, and that any expense necessary to be incurred by the United States in effecting this exchange shall be payable from the appropriation "General expenses, Lighthouse Service" for the fiscal years in which such expenses are incurred.

Conveyance of title.

Abstracts of title, etc., to be furnished free, etc.

Other expense.

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CHAP. 242.—An Act For the incorporation of the Grand Army of the Republic.

District of Columbia. Grand Army of the Republic incorporated.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the organization known as the Grand Army of the Republic, with a membership

limited to persons who served as soldiers and sailors of the United States Army and Navy or Marine Corps and Revenue-Cutter Service between April 12, 1861, and April 9, 1865, and of such State regiments as were called into active service and subject to the orders of the United States general officers between the dates mentioned, and have been honorably discharged therefrom after such service, is hereby created a body corporate and politic of the District of Columbia, by the name of "The Grand Army of the Republic," by which name it shall be a person in law, capable of suing and being sued, and of having and exercising all incidental powers as a litigant or otherwise as if it were a natural person, with power to acquire by purchase, gift, devise, or bequest, and to hold, convey, or otherwise dispose of property, real or personal, as may be necessary or calculated to carry into effect the patriotic, fraternal, and charitable purposes of its organization.

Membership qualifications.

SEC. 2. The object and purpose of this corporation shall be to perpetuate the name of "The Grand Army of the Republic" and to preserve in corporate form said organization as now and hereafter maintained and conducted, and to thus provide and continue an agency and instrumentality through and by which its members, for and during the remainder of their natural lives, may assemble and meet for the promotion of comradeship and social intercourse. The corporation shall not at any time engage in any business for pecuniary profit and gain.

Object and purpose.

The principal office of this corporation shall be kept and maintained in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, but annual, or other meetings, of its governing body and members may be held in any State or Territory of the Union, and the corporation shall have the power to possess and hold property needful or desirable for its objects and purposes anywhere in the United States or any of its territories or dependencies, consistently with the provisions of local laws pertaining thereto.

Office and meetings.

SEC. 3. That the supreme governing and controlling authority in said organization shall be the national encampment thereof, composed of representatives from the several department encampments as are now or may hereafter be organized: *Provided*, That there shall never be any change in the plan of organization of said national encampment that shall materially change its present representative form of government or render possible the concentration of the control thereof in the hands of a limited number, or in a self-perpetuating body not representative of the membership at large.

National encampment the governing authority.

Proviso.
Restriction on change of plan, etc.

SEC. 4. That the qualifications for membership in said organization, except as they are limited by the provisions of section 1 of this Act, and the rights and privileges of the members thereof, shall be such as are fixed by the ordinances, rules, and regulations adopted by said national encampment.

Qualifications, rights, and privileges.

SEC. 5. That the activities of said corporation shall be exercised through and by the following agencies, in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations now in force, or such as may be hereafter enacted by the national encapment thereof, namely:

Activities regulated by designated agencies.

First. Through the national encampment, its officers and committees.

National encampment.

Second. Through such department encampments as may have been heretofore, or as may be hereafter, organized, their officers and committees.

Department encampments.

Third. Through such posts as may have been heretofore, or may be hereafter, organized, their officers and committees.

Posts.

Such department encampments shall be subject and subordinate in authority to the national encampment, and such posts shall be also subject to such control, exercised through the department encamp-

Authority of agencies.

ment and department officers of the particular department to which it belongs.

Termination of corporation on death of last member.

SEC. 6. That the corporate existence of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the exclusive rights of its surviving members to wear the insignia of membership therein, shall terminate only when the last of its members dies: *Provided, however*, That if at any national encampment hereafter held a memorial shall be adopted by the vote of three-fourths of the members present, reciting that because of the decrease in its membership, or because of the age and infirmity of its surviving members, it is no longer advisable and practicable to hold future national annual encampments, such action shall not operate to deprive said organization of any of its corporate powers, but the government thereof may be modified to provide for such contingency, subject to the restrictions contained in section 3 of this Act: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall in any manner affect the right or the power of such posts or departments to dispose of, or otherwise affect the ownership of, property held by any post or department in its own name, nor affect the right of such posts or departments to organize corporations under State laws for the purpose of caring for and disposing of such property.

Provisos.
Corporate powers continued if annual encampments no longer held.

Property rights of posts or departments not affected.

Disposition and future ownership of property.

SEC. 7. That the national encampment may, by resolution, provide for the disposition and future ownership of its property and archives, and may declare the event in which such disposition shall become effective and such ownership vested, and a duly authenticated copy of such resolution shall be filed in the office of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Upon the happening of the event thus declared, and upon the filing of a petition in said Supreme Court reciting said facts, said court shall take jurisdiction thereof, and upon due proof being made the court shall enter a decree which shall be effectual to vest title and ownership in accordance with the provisions of such resolution.

Jurisdiction of District supreme court to vest title, etc.

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CHAP. 243.—An Act To create the Inland Waterways Corporation for the purpose of carrying out the mandate and purpose of Congress as expressed in sections 201 and 500 of the Transportation Act, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia. Inland Waterways Corporation created in.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of carrying on the operations of the Government-owned inland, canal, and coastwise waterways system to the point where the system can be transferred to private operation to the best advantage of the Government, of carrying out the mandates of Congress prescribed in section 201 of the Transportation Act, 1920, as amended, and of carrying out the policy enunciated by Congress in the first paragraph of section 500 of such Act, there is hereby created a corporation, in the District of Columbia, to be known as the Inland Waterways Corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "corporation"). The Secretary of War shall be deemd to be the incorporator, and the incorporation shall be held effected upon the enactment of this Act. The Secretary of War shall govern and direct the corporation in the exercise of the functions vested in it by this Act.

Purpose of, to promote inland water transportation.

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Secretary of War, the incorporator.

Capital stock. Subscription and payment by United States.

SEC. 2. The capital stock of the corporation shall be $5,000,000, all of which is hereby subscribed for by the United States. Such subscription shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury, within the appropriations therefor, upon call from time to time by the Secretary of War. Upon any such payment a receipt therefor shall be issued by the corporation to the United States and delivered to the Secretary of the Treasury, and shall be evidence of the stock ownership of