

as in its judgment are necessary to prevent reasonably avoidable impairment of the public values belonging to such public building or park; and said commissioners shall take such action as shall, in their judgment, effect reasonable compliance with such recommendation: *Provided*, That if the said Commission of Fine Arts fails to report its approval or disapproval of such plans within thirty days, its approval thereof shall be assumed and a permit may be issued.

SEC. 2. Said Commissioners of the District of Columbia, in consultation with the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, as early as practicable after approval of this Act, shall prepare plats defining the areas within which application for building permits shall be submitted to the Commission of Fine Arts for its recommendations.

Approved, May 16, 1930.

Action of Commissioners.

Proviso.

Approval assumed if no report within 30 days and permit may be issued.

Plats defining areas affected to be submitted to Commission of Fine Arts, for recommendations.

CHAP. 292.—An Act To authorize the disposal of public land classified as temporarily or permanently unproductive on Federal irrigation projects.

May 16, 1930.
[H. R. 156.]

[Public, No. 232.]

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, hereinafter styled the Secretary, is authorized in connection with Federal irrigation projects to dispose of vacant public lands designated under the Act of May 25, 1926, as temporarily unproductive or permanently unproductive to resident farm owners and resident entrymen on Federal irrigation projects, in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Irrigation projects.
Disposition of vacant public lands, temporarily, etc., unproductive.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary is authorized to sell such lands to resident farm owners or resident entrymen, on the project upon which such land is located, at prices not less than that fixed by independent appraisal approved by the Secretary, and upon such terms and at private sale or at public auction as he may prescribe: *Provided*, That no such resident farm owner or resident entryman shall be permitted to purchase under this Act more than one hundred and sixty acres of such land, or an area which, together with land already owned on such Federal irrigation project, shall exceed three hundred and twenty acres: *And provided further*, That the authority given hereunder shall apply not only to tracts wholly classified as temporarily or permanently unproductive, but also to all tracts of public lands within Federal irrigation projects which by reason of the inclusion of lands classified as temporarily or permanently unproductive are found by the Secretary to be insufficient to support a family and to pay water charges.

Sale of, to resident farm owners or entrymen.

Provisos.

Acreage which may be purchased, limited.

Provisions hereof to extend over all non-productive, etc., lands within projects.

SEC. 3. All "permanently unproductive" and "temporarily unproductive" land now or hereafter designated under the Act of May 25, 1926, shall, when sold, remain subject to sections 41 and 43 of the said Act. The exchange provisions of section 44 of said Act of May 25, 1926, shall not be applicable to the land purchased under this Act.

Sales hereunder subject to rights under Act of 1926.
Vol. 44, pp. 647, 648.
Ante, p. 249.

SEC. 4. After the purchaser has paid to the United States all amounts due on the purchase price of said land, a patent shall issue which shall recite that the lands so patented have been classified in whole or in part as temporarily or permanently unproductive, as the case may be, under the Adjustment Act of May 25, 1926. Such patents shall also contain a reservation of a lien for water charges when deemed appropriate by the Secretary and reservations of coal or other mineral rights to the same extent as patents issued under the homestead laws.

Patent to issue upon payment of purchase price.

Reservation of lien for water charges, mineral, etc., rights.

Sums collected hereunder to inure to Reclamation Fund as credit to construction charge.

SEC. 5. In the absence of a contrary requirement in the contracts between the United States and the water users organization or district assuming liability for the payment of project construction charges, all sums collected hereunder from the sale of lands, from the payment of project construction charges on "temporarily unproductive" or "permanently unproductive" lands so sold, and (except as stated in this section) from water rentals, shall inure to the Reclamation Fund as a credit to the construction charge now payable by the water users under their present contracts, to the extent of the additional expense, if any, incurred by such water users in furnishing water to the unproductive area, while still in that status, as approved by the Commissioner of Reclamation and the balance as a credit to the sums heretofore written off in accordance with said Act of May 25, 1926. Where water rental collections hereunder are in excess of the current operation and maintenance charges, the excess as determined by the Secretary, shall, in the absence of such contrary contract provision, inure to the Reclamation Fund as above provided, but in all other cases the water rentals collected under this Act shall be turned over to or retained by the operating district or association, where the project or part of the project from which the water rentals were collected is being operated and maintained by an irrigation district or water users association under contract with the United States.

Water rental collections in excess of current operating, etc., expenses, to inure to fund.

Rules, etc., to be prescribed.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to perform any and all acts and to make all rules and regulations necessary and proper for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

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[H. R. 9325.]

[Public, No. 233.]

CHAP. 293.—An Act To authorize the United States Veterans' Bureau to pave the road running north and south immediately east of and adjacent to Hospital Numbered 90, at Muskogee, Oklahoma, and to authorize the use of \$4,950 of funds appropriated for hospital purposes, and for other purposes.

Muskogee, Okla.
Veterans' Bureau authorized to pave designated road at.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States Veterans' Bureau be, and it is hereby, authorized to pave the road running north and south immediately east of and adjacent to Hospital Numbered 90, at Muskogee, Oklahoma, and between the said hospital and the Government cottages on the east side of the road, and to use for said purposes \$4,950 of the funds appropriated for hospital purposes.

Use of funds.

Approved, May 16, 1930.

May 16, 1930.

[H. R. 9845.]

[Public, No. 234.]

CHAP. 294.—An Act To authorize the transfer of Government-owned land at Dodge City, Kansas, for public-building purposes.

Dodge City, Kans.
Land in custody of Department of Agriculture transferred to Department of Commerce for building site.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the land now in the custody of the Department of Agriculture, fronting approximately one hundred and twenty-five feet on the east side of Central Avenue by approximately one hundred and forty-four feet on the north side of Spruce Street, is hereby transferred to the Treasury Department as a part of the site to be acquired for the public-building project at Dodge City, Kansas.

Space for Weather Bureau.
Vol. 45, p. 1657.

The public building erected under such project shall contain adequate office quarters upon the top floor of such building with a floor space of not less than one thousand two hundred square feet for the use of the Weather Bureau of the Department of Agriculture and provision shall be made without expense to the Department of