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[CHAPTER 334]

AN ACT

July 31, 1945
[H. R. 2032]
[Public Law 166]

Authorizing general shore-line investigations at Federal expense, and to repeal an Act for the improvement and protection of the beaches along the shores of the United States, approved June 26, 1936.

Shore-line investigations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in addition to participating in cooperative investigations and studies with agencies of the various States as authorized in section 2 of the River and Harbor Act, approved July 3, 1930, it shall be the duty of the Chief of Engineers, through the Beach Erosion Board, to make general investigations with a view to preventing erosion of the shores of the United States by waves and currents and determining the most suitable methods for the protection, restoration, and development of beaches; and to publish from time to time such useful data and information concerning the erosion and protection of beaches and shore lines as the Board may deem to be of value to the people of the United States. The cost of the general investigations herein authorized shall be borne wholly by the United States. As used in this Act, the word "shores" includes the shore lines of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, the Gulf of Mexico, the Great Lakes, Lake Champlain, and estuaries and bays directly connected therewith.

46 Stat. 945.
33 U. S. C. § 426.

Publication of useful data.

Cost.

"Shores."

Application of existing law.

Exception.

SEC. 2. All provisions of existing law relating to examinations and surveys and to works of improvement of rivers and harbors shall apply, insofar as practicable, to examinations and surveys and to works of improvement relating to shore protection; except that all projects having to do with shore protection shall be referred for consideration and recommendation to the Beach Erosion Board instead of to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors.

Report by Board.

46 Stat. 945.
33 U. S. C. § 426.

Additional requirement.

SEC. 3. The Beach Erosion Board, in making its report on any cooperative investigation and studies under the provisions of section 2 of the River and Harbor Act, approved July 3, 1930, relating to shore protection work shall, in addition to any other matters upon which it may be required to report, state its opinion as to (a) the advisability of adopting the project; (b) what public interest, if any, is involved in the proposed improvement; and (c) what share of the expense, if any, should be borne by the United States.

Expenses.

SEC. 4. Any expenses incident and necessary in the undertaking of the general investigations authorized herein may be paid from funds hitherto or hereafter appropriated for examinations, surveys, and contingencies for rivers and harbors.

49 Stat. 1982.
33 U. S. C. §§ 427–430.

SEC. 5. The Act of June 26, 1936 (Public, Numbered 834, Seventy-fourth Congress), is hereby repealed.

Approved July 31, 1945.

[CHAPTER 335]

AN ACT

July 31, 1945
[H. R. 2285]
[Public Law 167]

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to grant and convey to Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, certain lands of the United States in Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, for highway purposes and for ornamental-park purposes.

Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pa.
Conveyance of lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to grant and convey to Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, upon the conditions and limitations hereinafter expressed, three parcels of land, hereinafter described, which are parts of the property encompassed by Eastern Regional Laboratory, Bureau of Agricultural Chemistry and Engineering, United States Department of Agriculture,