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Temporary Congressional Aviation Policy Board.

SEC. 2. There is hereby established a temporary Congressional Aviation Policy Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") which shall be composed of five Members of the Senate, not more than three of whom shall be members of the majority party, to be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate, and five Members of the House of Representatives, not more than three of whom shall be members of the majority party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Study of aviation needs.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Board to carry out the purposes of this Act, and, in so doing, to study the current and future needs of American aviation, including commercial air transportation and the utilization of aircraft by the armed services; the nature, type, and extent of aircraft and air transportation industries that are desirable or essential to our national security and welfare; methods of encouraging needed developments in the aviation and air transportation industry; and the improved organization and procedures of the Government that will assist it in handling aviation matters efficiently and in the public interest. The Board shall report to the Congress, together with such recommendations as it deems desirable, on or before March 1, 1948.

Report and recommendations to Congress.

Chairman and vice chairman.

SEC. 4. (a) The Board shall select a chairman and a vice chairman from among its members. A vacancy on the Board shall be filled in the same manner as the original selection.

Employment of experts, etc.

(b) The Board is authorized to employ such experts, assistants, and other employees as in its judgment may be necessary for the performance of its duties. The Board is authorized to utilize the services, information, facilities, and personnel of the various departments and agencies of the Government to the extent that such services, information, facilities, and personnel, in the opinion of such departments and agencies, can be furnished without undue interference with the performance of the work and duties of such departments and agencies.

Hearings, etc.

(c) The Board shall have the power to hold hearings and to require by subpena or otherwise the attendance of such witnesses, the production of such correspondence, books, papers, and documents, to administer such oaths, to take such testimony, and to make such expenditures, as it deems advisable.

Studies and investigations.

(d) For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act the Board may seek information from such sources and conduct its studies and investigations at such places and in such manner as it deems advisable in the interest of a correct ascertainment of the facts.

Appropriation authorized.
Ante, p. 611.

SEC. 5. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums, not to exceed $50,000, as may be necessary to enable the Board to carry out its functions under this Act.

Travel expenses.

SEC. 6. The members of the Board, and employees thereof, shall be allowed all expenses necessary for travel and subsistence incurred while so engaged in the activities of the Board.

Approved July 30, 1947.

[CHAPTER 398]

AN ACT

July 30, 1947
[H. R. 3739]
[Public Law 288]

To authorize the Veterans' Administration to acquire certain land as a site for the proposed Veterans' Administration facility at Clarksburg, West Virginia, and for other purposes.

Veterans' Administration.
Acquisition of site at Clarksburg, W. Va.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized and directed (1) to acquire as a site for the proposed Veterans' Administration facility at Clarksburg, West Virginia, the tract of land in Harrison County, West

Virginia, situated between the West Fork River and the line of the Clarksburg and Western Electric Railway and known as the Maxwell estate; (2) to lease to the city of Clarksburg, West Virginia, at a nominal consideration, so much of the westerly portion of such tract as is not presently needed for the purposes of such facility, upon condition that such portion be maintained by the city of Clarksburg as a public park until such time as it may be needed for the purposes of such facility, and upon such further terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the Administrator and such city; (3) to grant to the State of West Virginia a right-of-way across such tract of land for a public highway connecting United States Highway Numbered 19 with the highway known as the Clarksburg-Mount Clare Road; and (4) to enter into an agreement with the State Road Commission of the State of West Virginia to bear not to exceed 35 per centum of the costs of construction of such public highway and any necessary bridges thereon.

Lease of land for public park.

Granting of right-of-way.

Construction costs.

Approved July 30, 1947.

[CHAPTER 404]

AN ACT

July 30, 1947
[S. 364]
[Public Law 289]

To expedite the disposition of Government surplus airports, airport facilities, and equipment and to assure their disposition in such manner as will best encourage and foster the development of civilian aviation and preserve for national defense purposes a strong, efficient, and properly maintained Nationwide system of public airports, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (c) of section 13 of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 765), as amended, is amended to read as follows:

Surplus Property Act of 1944, amendments.
58 Stat. 771.
50 U. S. C. app. § 1622 (c).
Harbor or port terminal.

"(c) No harbor or port terminal, including necessary operating equipment, shall be otherwise disposed of until it has first been offered, under regulations to be prescribed by the Administrator, for sale or lease to the State, political subdivision thereof, and any municipality, in which it is situated, and to all municipalities in the vicinity thereof."

SEC. 2. Section 13 of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 765), as amended, is hereby amended by adding a new subsection (g) reading as follows:

58 Stat. 770.
50 U. S. C. app. § 1622.
Conveyance of property for development of public airport.

"(g) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, any disposal agency designated pursuant to this Act may, with the approval of the Administrator, convey or dispose of to any State, political subdivision, municipality, or tax-supported institution, without monetary consideration to the United States, but subject to the terms, conditions, reservations, and restrictions hereinafter provided for, all of the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to any surplus real or personal property (exclusive of property the highest and best use of which is determined by the Administrator to be industrial and which shall be so classified for disposal without regard to the provisions of this subsection) which, in the determination of the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics, is essential, suitable, or desirable for the development, improvement, operation, or maintenance of a public airport as defined in the Federal Airport Act (60 Stat. 170) or reasonably necessary to fulfill the immediate and foreseeable future requirements of the grantee for the development, improvement, operation, or maintenance of a public airport, including property needed to develop sources of revenue from nonaviation businesses at a public airport.

49 U. S. C. §§ 1101-1119.

"(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) hereof, all property disposed of under the authority of this subsection shall be disposed of on and subject to the following terms, conditions, reservations, and restrictions:

Conditions of disposal.