

ARTICLE XIII

Nothing in this compact shall be construed to authorize or permit any member state to curtail or diminish its forest fire fighting forces, equipment, services or facilities, and it shall be the duty and responsibility of each member state to maintain adequate forest fire fighting forces and equipment to meet normal demands for forest fire protection within its borders.

Nothing in this compact shall be construed to limit or restrict the powers of any state ratifying the same to provide for the prevention, control and extinguishment of forest fires, or to prohibit the enactment or enforcement of state laws, rules or regulations intended to aid in such prevention, control and extinguishment in such state.

Nothing in this compact shall be construed to affect any existing or future cooperative relationship or arrangement between the United States Forest Service and a member state or states.

ARTICLE XIV

Continuance in  
force.

This compact shall continue in force and remain binding on each state ratifying it until the legislature or the governor of such state takes action to withdraw therefrom. Such action shall not be effective until six months after notice thereof has been sent by the chief executive of the state desiring to withdraw to the chief executives of all states then parties to the compact.

SEC. 2. Without further submission of the compact, the consent of Congress is given to any State to become a party to it in accordance with its terms.

Rights reserved.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved.

Approved June 25, 1949.

[CHAPTER 247]

AN ACT

June 25, 1949  
[H. R. 263]

[Public Law 130]

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to grant to the county of Orange, California, a perpetual easement for the maintenance and operation of a public highway, and to grant to the Irvine Company, a corporation, a perpetual easement for the maintenance, operation, and use of a water pipe line, in the vicinity of the naval air base, Santa Ana, Orange County, California.

Orange County,  
Calif.  
Easement for high-  
way.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he hereby is, authorized to grant to the county of Orange, State of California, a perpetual easement for public-highway purposes over and upon that portion of the strip of land fifty feet in width described in paragraph g (a) of the judgment of condemnation made and entered July 14, 1947, in case numbered 2398-Y, Civil, in the District Court of the United States for the Central Division of the Southern District of California, which lies within lot 67, block 10, of Irvine's subdivision, Orange County, California, subject to the rights, easements, and conditions relating thereto as provided in paragraph 3 of said judgment.

Irvine Co., W. Va.  
Easement for pipe  
line.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he hereby is, authorized to grant to the Irvine Company, a West Virginia corporation, with place of business in Orange County, California, a perpetual easement for the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and use of that portion of the existing reinforced pipe line for the transportation of water particularly described in paragraph 1c of said judgment of condemnation of July 14, 1947, in said case numbered 2398-Y, which lies within said lot 67, block 10, said Irvine's subdivision, to be operated and used by said grantee in connection with and as a part

of the water pipe line easement excluded from and revested in the said Irvine Company, a corporation, in said judgment.

Approved June 25, 1949.

[CHAPTER 248]

AN ACT

To amend section 312 of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947, as amended, so as to provide for the retention of certain officers of the Medical and Dental Corps of the Navy.

June 25, 1949  
[H. R. 4516]  
[Public Law 131]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Officer Personnel Act of 1947, as amended, is hereby further amended by deleting in the third proviso to subsection (b) of section 312 the words "twenty-two in the Medical Corps," and the words "and twelve in the Dental Corps"; by inserting in the said proviso after the comma following the words "Civil Engineer Corps" the words "in the Medical Corps and in the Dental Corps a number as determined necessary by the Secretary of the Navy to meet the needs of the service"; by deleting in the said subsection the words "*And provided further*" and substituting in lieu thereof the words "*Provided further*"; and by adding at the end of the said subsection the following proviso: "*And provided further, That until June 30, 1952, no captain of the Medical Corps or of the Dental Corps shall be subject to involuntary retirement pursuant to this subsection prior to reaching the age of sixty-two*".

Officer Personnel  
Act of 1947, amend-  
ment.  
61 Stat. 858.  
34 U. S. C., Supp.  
II, § 410j (b).

Approved June 25, 1949.

[CHAPTER 255]

AN ACT

To authorize completion of construction and development of the Eden project, Wyoming.

June 28, 1949  
[S. 55]  
[Public Law 132]

*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 is authorized to complete the construction, including any necessary preconstruction surveys and investigations, of the irrigation features of the Eden project, Wyoming, as approved by the President on September 18, 1940 (Senate Document Numbered 18, Seventy-seventh Congress, first session (1941), page 29), with such modification in physical features as the Secretary of the Interior may find will result in greater engineering and economic feasibility: *Provided*, That of the construction costs of the irrigation features of the project not less than \$1,500,000 for the project of twenty thousand irrigable acres, or a proportionate part thereof based on the actual irrigable area as determined and announced by the Secretary of the Interior upon completion of the project, shall be reimbursable by the water users in not to exceed sixty years, and provision for the recovery thereof and for payment of the operation and maintenance costs of the irrigation features of the project shall be made by a contract or contracts satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided further*, That construction costs of the irrigation features of the project which are not hereby made reimbursable by the water users shall be set aside in a special account against which net revenues derived from the sale of power generated at the hydroelectric plants of the Colorado River storage project in the Upper Basin shall be charged when such plants are constructed.

Eden project, Wyo.  
Completion of con-  
struction, etc.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to complete the land development and settlement features of the project in accordance with the general plan approved by the President on September 18, 1940, including the acquisition of such lands, or interests in lands,

Land development,  
etc.