

SEC. 3. The purchaser shall assume all responsibility for damage due to contaminations or other military activities and shall not hold the Government of the United States liable for damages of any description.

SEC. 4. No select base material shall be removed subsequent to December 31, 1955.

SEC. 5. Any contract that may be entered into for the sale of select base material under the authority of this bill shall be revocable at will by the Secretary of the Army.

SEC. 6. The purchaser, as excavation in any area is completed, shall be required to level, drain, and fertilize that area to the satisfaction of the commanding general, Fort Benning, and, upon the completion of such leveling, draining, and fertilizing, to plant kudzu crowns on such area at the rate of five hundred to the acre.

SEC. 7. The boundaries of the area lying immediately south of the Macon Highway and west of Randall Creek, from which area select base material may be removed, shall be designated by the commanding general, Fort Benning, or by his duly appointed representative.

SEC. 8. The proceeds from the sale of select base material shall be covered into the general funds of the United States Treasury.

Approved May 2, 1950.

Revocability of contracts.

Leveling, etc., after excavation.

Boundaries.

Proceeds from sale.

[CHAPTER 150]

AN ACT

To authorize the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia to establish daylight saving time in the District.

May 2, 1950

[H. R. 6354]

[Public Law 497]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia is authorized to advance the standard time applicable to the District one hour for the period commencing not earlier than the last Sunday of April 1950 and ending not later than the last Sunday of September 1950. Any such time established by the Commissioners under the authority of this Act shall, during the period of the year for which it is applicable, be the standard time for the District of Columbia.

Daylight saving time, D. C.

Approved May 2, 1950.

[CHAPTER 151]

AN ACT

To amend title VIII of the National Housing Act, as amended, to encourage construction of rental housing on or in areas adjacent to Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force installations, and for other purposes.

May 2, 1950

[H. R. 7846]

[Public Law 498]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title VIII of the National Housing Act, as amended, is hereby amended by adding the following new section at the end thereof:

"SEC. 809. Whenever the Secretary of the Army, Navy, or Air Force, or his duly designated representative, determines that it is desirable in order to effectuate the purposes of this title, the Secretary is authorized, without regard to the civil service and classification laws, to procure, by negotiation or otherwise, the services of architects and engineers, or organizations thereof, under such arrangements as he deems desirable, but at an expense not in excess of that permissible under the schedule of fees allowed from time to time by the Public Housing Administration in connection with projects assisted under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended. Such services may include the development of plans, drawings, and specifications

National Housing Act, amendment.
63 Stat. 571.
12 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§§ 1748-1748g.
Services of architects, engineers, etc.

50 Stat. 888.
42 U. S. C. §§ 1401-1417, 1419-1430; Sup. III, § 1401 *et seq.*
Ante, p. 73.