

Public Law 373

CHAPTER 859

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for the acceptance and maintenance of Presidential libraries, and for other purposes.

August 12, 1955
[H. J. Res. 330]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 507 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (44 U. S. C., sec. 397), is hereby amended as follows:

Presidential li-
braries.
Acceptance and
maintenance.
64 Stat. 587.

(1) By amending subsection (e) to read as follows:

“(e) The Administrator is authorized, whenever he deems it to be in the public interest, to accept for deposit—

“(1) the papers and other historical materials of any President or former President of the United States, or of any other official or former official of the Government, and other papers relating to and contemporary with any President or former President of the United States, subject to restrictions agreeable to the Administrator as to their use; and

“(2) documents, including motion-picture films, still pictures, and sound recordings, from private sources that are appropriate for preservation by the Government as evidence of its organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, and transactions.”

(2) By redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (h), and by inserting after subsection (e) the following new subsection:

“(f) The Administrator is authorized, whenever he deems it to be in the public interest—

Gifts of lands,
buildings, and
equipment.

“(1) to accept, for and in the name of the United States, any land, buildings, and equipment offered as a gift to the United States for the purposes of creating a Presidential archival depository, and to take title to such land, buildings, and equipment on behalf of the United States, and to maintain, operate, and protect them as a Presidential archival depository, and as part of the national archives system; and to enter into agreements, upon such terms and conditions as he deems proper, with any State, political subdivision, university, institution of higher learning, institute, or foundation to utilize as a Presidential archival depository land, buildings, and equipment of such State, subdivision, university, or other organization, to be made available by it without transfer of title to the United States, and to maintain, operate, and protect such depository as a part of the national archives system: *Provided*, That the Administrator shall submit a report in writing on any such proposed Presidential archival depository to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, which report shall include a description of the land, buildings, and equipment offered as a gift or to be made available without transfer of title as aforesaid, a statement of the terms of the proposed agreement, if any, a general description of the types of papers, documents, or other historical materials which it is proposed to deposit in the Presidential archival depository so to be created, and of the terms of such proposed deposit, a statement of the additional improvements and equipment, if any, necessary to the satisfactory operation of such depository, together with an estimate of the cost thereof, and an estimate of the annual cost to the United States of maintaining, operating, and protecting such depository: *Provided further*, That the Administrator shall not take title to any such land, buildings, and equipment or enter into any such agreement, until the expiration of the first period of sixty calendar days of continuous session of the Congress following the date on which such report is trans-

Report to Con-
gress.

	mitted, which sixty-day period shall be computed as follows: Continuity of session shall be considered as broken only by an adjournment sine die, but the days on which either House is not in session because of an adjournment of more than three days to a day certain shall be excluded from the computation;
Deposit of materials.	“(2) to deposit in any such Presidential archival depository any papers, documents, or other historical materials accepted under subsection (e), or any Federal records appropriate for preservation therein;
Exercise of functions.	“(3) to exercise, with respect to any papers, documents, or other historical materials deposited under this subsection or otherwise in any Presidential archival depository, all the functions and responsibilities otherwise vested in him pertaining to Federal records or other documentary materials in his custody or under his control: <i>Provided</i> , That the Administrator, in negotiating for the deposit of Presidential historical materials, shall take steps to secure to the Government, so far as possible, the right to have continuous and permanent possession of such materials: <i>Provided further</i> , That papers, documents, or other historical materials accepted and deposited under subsection (e) and this subsection shall be held subject to such restrictions respecting their availability and use as may be specified in writing by the donors or depositors, including the restriction that they shall be kept in a Presidential archival depository, and such restrictions shall be respected for so long a period as shall have been specified, or until they are revoked or terminated by the donors or depositors or by persons legally qualified to act on their behalf with respect thereto: <i>Provided further</i> , That subject to such restrictions, the Administrator may dispose by sale, exchange, or otherwise, of any papers, documents, or other materials which the Archivist may determine to have no permanent value or historical interest or to be surplus to the needs of any Presidential archival depository;
Right of possession.	
Restrictions on availability and use.	
Disposal.	“(4) to cooperate with and to assist any university, institution of higher learning, institute, foundation, or other organization or qualified individual to further or to conduct study or research in any historical materials deposited in any Presidential archival depository;
Study and research.	“(5) to charge and collect reasonable fees for the privilege of visiting and viewing any exhibit rooms or museum space in any such Presidential archival depository;
Fees.	“(6) to provide reasonable office space in any Presidential archival depository for the personal use of any former President of the United States; and
Office space for former Presidents.	“(7) to accept gifts or bequests of money or other property for the purpose of maintaining, operating, protecting, or improving any Presidential archival depository: <i>Provided</i> , That the proceeds of any such gifts or bequests, together with the proceeds from any fees or from any sales of historical materials, copies or reproductions thereof, catalogs, or other items, having to do with any Presidential archival depository, shall be paid into the National Archives Trust Fund provided for in section 5 of the Act of July 9, 1941, to be held, administered, and expended under the provisions of such section for the benefit and in the interest of the Presidential archival depository in connection with which they were received, including such administrative and custodial expenses thereof as the Administrator may determine.
Money gifts, etc.	

(3) By adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

Definitions.

“(h) When used in this section—

“(1) The term ‘Presidential archival depository’ means an institution operated by the United States to house and preserve the papers and books of a President or former President of the United States, together with other historical materials belonging to a President or former President of the United States, or related to his papers or to the events of his official or personal life.

“(2) The term ‘historical materials’ includes books, correspondence, documents, papers, pamphlets, works of art, models, pictures, photographs, plats, maps, films, motion pictures, sound recordings, and other objects or materials having historical or commemorative value.”

Approved August 12, 1955.

Public Law 374

CHAPTER 860

JOINT RESOLUTION

August 12, 1955
[S. J. Res. 82]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to execute a certain contract with the Toston Irrigation District, Montana.

Whereas there have been constructed certain irrigation distribution and pumping works for the Crow Creek pumping unit, Montana, as a part of the Missouri River Basin project (58 Stat. 887, 891); and Whereas said works were constructed, pursuant to special provisions contained in the Interior Department Appropriation Acts, 1949 and 1950, to furnish new lands with irrigation water in substitution for irrigated lands in Broadwater County, Montana, inundated by the operation of the Canyon Ferry Reservoir at a maximum normal pool elevation above three thousand seven hundred and sixty-six feet; and

62 Stat. 1129; 63 Stat. 783.

Whereas the Toston Irrigation District has been organized under the laws of the State of Montana for the purpose of entering into contractual arrangements with the United States; and

Whereas the said district will probably be unable for some time to pay to the United States more than the cost of operating and maintaining said works, exclusive of charges for electrical pumping energy; and

Whereas the Congress expects said district to make every reasonable effort to expand its boundaries and otherwise to put itself in such financial shape that, upon the expiration of not more than ten years, it can assume its proper obligations under the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto): Now, therefore, be it

43 USC 371 note.

Resolved 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 execute a contract with Toston Irrigation District which provides, among other things, that—

Toston Irrigation District, Mont.

(a) the district will pay to the United States each year the full cost to the Government of operating and maintaining the works of the Crow Creek pumping unit during that year, exclusive of the cost of electrical pumping energy, said payment to be made, as far as the cost can be forecast by the Secretary or his duly authorized delegate, in advance and in not more than two installments;

Contract with United States.

(b) the United States will deliver to the district, as far as conditions permit, water in sufficient quantity to furnish two acre-feet per irrigated acre, measured at the farm turnouts, for use on the irrigable lands of the district;