

Public Law 86-41

AN ACT

To provide for the acquisition of additional land along the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway in exchange for certain dredging privileges, and for other purposes.

June 11, 1959
[H. R. 2228]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to protect more adequately the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, to add further to its memorial character, and in order to acquire an area of irreplaceable wet lands near the Nation's Capitol which is valuable for the production and preservation of wildlife, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to carry out the following transactions with the Smoot Sand and Gravel Corporation:

Mount Vernon
Memorial Highway.

(a) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to acquire certain lands in exchange for certain dredging and other rights on land already owned by the United States on the east side of the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway in Fairfax County, Virginia, extending from approximately station 426 to station 516+50, shown as areas "A", "B", "C", and "D" on plan numbered 105.22-415 in the files of the National Capital Planning Commission and more particularly set forth as follows:

Acquisition of
land.

(1) To accept on behalf of the United States of America a good and sufficient title in fee simple, free of all encumbrances, to that piece of land lying on the east side of the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway and extending from approximately opposite station 459 to station 516+50, approximately five thousand seven hundred and fifty feet in length and averaging approximately eight hundred feet in width, and containing one hundred and ten acres, more or less, and as further shown as area "A" on said plan.

(2) To accept on behalf of the United States of America a good and sufficient title in fee simple, free of all encumbrances, to area "D" lying between area "A" and the Potomac River, and containing one hundred and fifty acres, more or less; the Smoot Sand and Gravel Corporation reserving unto itself, its successors and assigns, the right to remove sand and gravel therefrom for a period of thirty years, and for the same period reserving such riparian rights as may exist in area "D".

(3) To permit the Smoot Sand and Gravel Corporation, its successors and assigns, to remove sand and gravel from that part of United States property lying east of area "B" and opposite stations 426 to 459, to the extent of eighty-five acres, of the total one hundred and ten acres in area "C", as shown on said plan, for a period of twenty years, and for the same period granting such riparian rights as may exist in this area.

(4) To require that the scope of dredging operations necessary to remove the sand and gravel in areas "C" and "D" be so limited and conducted as not to undermine the adjacent shores of areas "A" and "B"; and to allow the workmen employed in the dredging operations at the locations described above to have access to the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway for the purpose of going to and from work, and to park their cars at designated places.

(b) The Secretary of the Interior is hereby further authorized to prescribe in any contract or contracts entered into pursuant hereto any other terms and conditions deemed necessary to protect the interests of the United States in the above transactions, including conditions governing the conduct of dredging operations, the deposition of spoil, and the revegetation of spoil areas, so that these activities will

Contracts.
Terms and con-
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be carried on in such a manner as to provide for the preservation of wildlife values in areas "C" and "D": *Provided*, That nothing contained in this Act or any contract entered into pursuant to this Act, between the United States of America and the Smoot Sand and Gravel Corporation shall be construed as interfering with the uninterrupted right of the Smoot Sand and Gravel Corporation to dredge in areas "C" and "D" for the periods specified.

Administration.

(c) All lands acquired by the United States pursuant to this Act shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior. The Secretary shall administer all of the lands described in this bill as "A", "B", "C", and "D" so that fish and wildlife development and their preservation as wet land wildlife habitat shall be paramount, except such portion thereof that the Secretary shall designate as a part of the George Washington Memorial Parkway within one year from the effective date of this Act.

(d) All dredging shall be performed in accordance with plans recommended by the Chief of Engineers and authorized by the Secretary of the Army as provided in section 10 of River and Harbor Act approved March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 U.S.C. 403), as amended.

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Public Law 86-42

JOINT RESOLUTION

June 11, 1959
[H. J. Res. 254]

To authorize participation by the United States in parliamentary conferences with Canada.

Canada- U.S. Interparliamentary group participation.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That not to exceed twenty-four Members of Congress shall be appointed to meet jointly and at least annually and when Congress is not in session (except that this restriction shall not apply during the first session of the Eighty-sixth Congress or to meetings held in the United States) with representatives of the House of Commons and Senate of the Canadian Parliament for discussion of common problems in the interests of relations between the United States and Canada. Of the Members of the Congress to be appointed for the purposes of this resolution (hereinafter designated as the United States group) half shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House from Members of the House (not less than four of whom shall be from the Foreign Affairs Committee), and half shall be appointed by the President of the Senate from Members of the Senate (not less than four of whom shall be from the Foreign Relations Committee).

Such appointments shall be for the period of each meeting of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary group except for the four members of the Foreign Affairs Committee and the four members of the Foreign Relations Committee, whose appointments shall be for the duration of each Congress.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. An appropriation of \$30,000 annually is authorized, \$15,000 of which shall be for the House delegation and \$15,000 for the Senate delegation, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to assist in meeting the expenses of the United States group of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary group for each fiscal year for which an appropriation is made, the House and Senate portions of such appropriation to be disbursed on vouchers to be approved by the Chairman of the House delegation and the Chairman of the Senate delegation, respectively.