

expenditures necessary to secure the safe title in the United States to the areas which may be acquired under this Act, including purchase of options when deemed necessary, and expenses incident to the location, examination, and survey of such areas and the acquisition of title thereto, but no payments shall be made for any such areas until the title thereto shall be satisfactory to the Attorney General. The acquisition of such areas by the United States shall in no case be defeated because of rights-of-way, easements, exceptions, and reservations which from their nature will, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior, in no manner interfere with the use of the areas so encumbered for the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 3. Sections 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, and 15 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act of February 18, 1929 (45 Stat. 1222; 16 U. S. C. 715), as amended, are hereby made applicable for the purposes of this Act in the same manner and to the same extent as though they were enacted as part of this Act, except that lands acquired hereunder may be administered primarily as wildlife management areas not subject to the prohibition against the taking of birds or nests or the eggs thereof, as contained in section 10 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act, and hunting thereon may be regulated, at the option of the Fish and Game Commission of the State of California, in such cooperative manner as is deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act subject, however, to the provisions of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of July 3, 1918 (49 Stat. 1555; 16 U. S. C. 703-711), as amended.

SEC. 4. Funds made available under this or any other Act for the administration, maintenance, and development of any areas acquired under this Act, shall be available also for the construction of dams, dikes, ditches, buildings, and other necessary improvements and for the purchase, planting, growing, and harvesting of grains and other crops for the feeding of waterfowl and other wildlife frequenting the localities where such lands may be purchased or rented.

Approved May 18, 1948.

[CHAPTER 305]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of July 23, 1947 (61 Stat. 409) (Public Law Numbered 219 of the Eightieth Congress).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second sentence of section 2 of the Act of July 23, 1947 (61 Stat. 409), is amended by striking out the period at the end of the sentence and adding the following: "and upon retirement any officer who is serving, or has served not less than two and one-half years as assistant commandant or engineer in chief (unless entitled to retire at a higher rank or pay under other provisions of law) shall retire with the rank of rear admiral and with the retired pay of a rear admiral (upper half)".

Approved May 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 309]

AN ACT

For the relief of Jeffersonville Flood Control District, Jeffersonville, Indiana, a municipal corporation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon written notice from the Secretary of the Navy that the Jeffersonville Flood Control District has complied with the provisions of section 2 of this

16 U. S. C. §§ 715g-715i, 715l-715n.

45 Stat. 1224.
16 U. S. C. § 715l.

16 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 704 note.
Availability of funds.
Post, p. 1145.

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Coast Guard.
14 U. S. C., Supp. I, § 6b.

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[H. R. 2000]
[Public Law 536]

Jeffersonville Flood Control District, Jeffersonville, Ind.

Payment.

Act, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Jeffersonville Flood Control District, Jeffersonville, Indiana, a municipal corporation, the sum of \$53,099.56. Such sum represents the cost of acquiring an alternate right-of-way for the construction of flood-protection works, the original right-of-way acquired by such district having been taken by the United States for the use of the Department of the Navy, and the Department of the Navy having imposed restrictions making it impossible to construct flood-protection works upon a right-of-way which, pursuant to a stipulation, the Department of the Navy agreed to convey to such district as compensation for the right-of-way taken by the United States. The payment of such sum to such district shall be in full settlement of all claims of such district against the United States on account of complying with the provisions of section 2 of this Act and on account of the taking of such original right-of-way by the United States in proceedings in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, New Albany Division, entitled "United States of America against 27.02 acres of land, in Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana, Howard Shipyards and Dock Company, et al., Civil No. 80", and entitled "United States of America against 15.77 acres of land, more or less, in Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana, Dollie Hoffman, et al., Civil No. 92".

Written notice to
Secretary of Treasury.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Navy shall give written notice to the Secretary of the Treasury that the Jeffersonville Flood Control District has complied with the provisions of this section whenever such district has, in such manner as is satisfactory to the Secretary of the Navy, conveyed to the United States all right, title, and interest which it may have in and to the naval property in Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana, particularly described in a proposed grant of easement signed on the 13th day of August, 1943, by which the United States proposed to grant and convey to Jeffersonville Flood Control Commission, Jeffersonville, Indiana, its successors and assigns, a perpetual easement to construct, operate, and maintain a flood-protective system on the two sections of naval property described in such proposed grant of easement.

Approved May 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 310]

AN ACT

May 19, 1948
[H. R. 4018]
[Public Law 537]

Authorizing the transfer of certain real property for wildlife, or other purposes.

Wildlife conserva-
tion.
Transfer of prop-
erty.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, upon request, real property which is under the jurisdiction or control of a Federal agency and no longer required by such agency, (1) can be utilized for wildlife conservation purposes by the agency of the State exercising administration over the wildlife resources of the State wherein the real property lies or by the Secretary of the Interior; and (2) is chiefly valuable for use for any such purpose, and which, in the determination of the War Assets Administrator, is available for such use may, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, be transferred without reimbursement or transfer of funds (with or without improvements as determined by said Administrator) by the Federal agency having jurisdiction or control of the property to (a) such State agency if the management thereof for the conservation of wildlife relates to other than migratory birds, or (b) to the Secretary of the Interior if the real property has particular value in carrying out the national migratory bird management program. Any such transfer to other than the United States shall be subject to the reservation by the United States of all oil, gas, and mineral rights, and to the condition that the property