

notice describing the proposed air star route. After giving notice pursuant to this subsection, the Board shall afford interested persons a reasonable opportunity to submit written data, views or arguments with or without opportunity to present the same orally in any manner. The Board shall give due consideration to all relevant matter presented and, not less than thirty days after notice is given, except in any situation in which it for good cause finds (and incorporates the finding and a brief statement of the reasons therefor in its order granting certification) that such period of advance notice is impracticable, unnecessary or contrary to the public interest, shall grant the requested certification upon finding that the proposed route does not conflict with the development of air transportation as contemplated under the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, as amended."

Approved August 30, 1949.

52 Stat. 973.
49 U. S. C. § 401 *et seq.*; Supp. II, § 401 *et seq.*
Ante, pp. 480, 678.

[CHAPTER 524]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend the National Housing Act, as amended.

August 30, 1949
[S. J. Res. 109]
[Public Law 278]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the National Housing Act, as amended, is hereby amended—

- (1) by striking out of the first sentence of section 2 (a) "September 1, 1949" and inserting in lieu thereof "November 1, 1949".
- (2) by striking out of the proviso in section 203 (a) "\$5,300,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$5,500,000,000" and by striking out of such proviso "\$5,500,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$6,000,000,000".
- (3) by striking out of the second proviso in section 603 (a) "August 31, 1949" in each place where it appears therein and inserting in lieu thereof "October 31, 1949".

Approved August 30, 1949.

49 Stat. 1187.
12 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 1703 (a).
Ante, p. 421; *post*, p. 905.
48 Stat. 1248.
12 U. S. C. § 1709 (a).
Ante, p. 421; *post*, p. 905.

55 Stat. 56.
12 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 1738 (a).
Ante, pp. 29, 421; *post*, p. 905.

[CHAPTER 525]

AN ACT

To transfer from the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to the Attorney General of the United States for the use of the Bureau of Prisons, a certain tract of land located at Chillicothe, Ohio.

August 31, 1949
[S. 1859]
[Public Law 279]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following-described tract of land containing approximately three hundred seventy-nine and one-tenth acres, more or less, including improvements, if any, now under control of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, is hereby transferred to the possession, control, and jurisdiction of the Attorney General of the United States for the use of the Bureau of Prisons:

A plot of ground being at the western boundary of the United States Veterans' Administration Hospital holdings in Ross County, Ohio, and starting at U. S. Monument 168 thence south seventy-eight degrees two minutes forty-four seconds west for a distance of six hundred seventy-four and thirty one-hundredths feet to U. S. Monument 169, thence south eighty-two degrees two minutes thirty-two seconds west for a distance of two thousand three hundred twenty-eight and three one-hundredths feet to U. S. Monument 175, thence north forty-two degrees fifty-six minutes thirty-six seconds west for a distance of one thousand nine hundred eighty and sixty-five one-hundredths feet to U. S. Monument 178, thence north thirty-four degrees six minutes forty-three seconds east for a distance of one thousand seventy-seven

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and thirty-five one-hundredths feet to U. S. Monument 180, thence north sixty-seven degrees ten minutes forty-two seconds west for a distance of six hundred and fourteen feet to U. S. Monument 182, thence north seventy-seven degrees fifty-seven minutes thirty-eight seconds east for a distance of one thousand three hundred twelve and seventy one-hundredths feet to U. S. Monument 184, thence north ten degrees nineteen minutes thirty-two seconds west for a distance of eight hundred fifty-nine and six one-hundredths feet to U. S. Monument 186, thence north eleven degrees forty-eight minutes twenty seconds west for a distance of five hundred seventy and twenty-one one-hundredths feet to U. S. Monument 188, thence north eleven degrees twenty-one minutes fifty-eight seconds west for a distance of one thousand seven hundred seventy and eighty-seven one-hundredths feet to U. S. Monument 190, thence north sixty-eight degrees twenty-eight minutes fifty-two seconds east for a distance of two thousand four hundred fifty-one and eighty one-hundredths feet to U. S. Monument 193, thence on a bearing of north twelve degrees twelve minutes forty-seven seconds west in a southeasterly direction for approximately six thousand six hundred and thirteen feet to point of beginning, said tract now being occupied and used by the Federal Reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio, and being a portion of the land described in a permit dated March 20, 1928, executed by Frank T. Hines, Director, United States Veterans' Bureau, in favor of the aforesaid Bureau of Prisons.

SEC. 2. The transfer provided for in this Act shall be effected without reimbursement or transfer of funds.

Approved August 31, 1949.

[CHAPTER 529]

AN ACT

September 1, 1949
[S. 1647]
[Public Law 280]

To eliminate premium payments in the purchase of Government royalty oil under existing contracts entered into pursuant to the Act of July 13, 1946 (60 Stat. 533), and for other purposes.

Government royalty oil.

41 Stat. 451; 60 Stat. 533.

Termination of contract.

Retention of contract.

Applicability to existing contracts.

30 U. S. C. § 192.

Exception.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That where, under any existing contract entered into pursuant to the first proviso in the second paragraph of section 36 of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended (30 U. S. C., sec. 192), any refinery is required to pay a premium price for the purchase of Government royalty oil, such refinery may, at its option, by written notice to the Secretary of the Interior, elect either—

(1) to terminate such contract, the termination to take place at the end of the calendar month following the month in which such notice is given; or

(2) to retain such contract with the modifications, that (a) the price, on and after March 1, 1949, shall be as defined in the contract, without premium payments, (b) any credit thereby resulting from past premium payments shall be added to the refinery's account, and (c) the Secretary may, at his option, elect to terminate the contract as so modified, such termination to take place at the end of the third calendar month following the month in which written notice thereof is given by the Secretary.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this Act shall apply to all existing contracts for the purchase of Government royalty oil entered into after the approval of the Act of July 13, 1946 (60 Stat. 533), and prior to the approval of this Act, irrespective of whether a determination of preference status was made in connection with the award of such contracts, but shall not apply to any such contract which subsequent