

stitution for, any other provisions of existing law: *Provided further*, That in cases of emergency, caused by fire, flood, storm, act of God, or sabotage, persons may be employed for periods of not more than thirty days and be paid salaries and wages without the necessity of inquiring into their membership in any organization.

Exception.

This Act may be cited as the "Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1956."

Short title.

Approved June 16, 1955.

Public Law 79

CHAPTER 148

AN ACT

June 16, 1955
[S. 528]

To revive and reenact the Act authorizing the village of Baudette, State of Minnesota, its public successors or public assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Rainy River, at or near Baudette, Minnesota, approved December 21, 1950.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act approved December 21, 1950, entitled "An Act authorizing the village of Baudette, State of Minnesota, its public successors or public assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Rainy River, at or near Baudette, Minnesota", be, and is hereby, revived and reenacted: *Provided*, That this Act shall be null and void unless the actual construction of the bridge herein referred to be commenced within two years and completed within four years from the date of approval hereof.

Rainy River,
Bridge at Bau-
dette, Minn.
64 Stat. 1115.

Sec. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved June 16, 1955.

Public Law 80

CHAPTER 149

AN ACT

June 16, 1955
[S. 755]

To authorize the conveyance of certain war housing projects to the city of Warwick, Virginia, and the city of Hampton, Virginia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Housing and Home Finance Administrator is authorized to sell and convey at fair market value as determined by him on the basis of an appraisal made by an independent real estate expert (a) (1) to the city of Warwick, Virginia, or to a public housing authority for such city, or to any agency or corporation, established or sponsored in the public interest by such city, all of the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to War Housing Project VA-44061, and that portion of War Housing Project VA-44067 which lies within the limits of said city of Warwick, and (2) to the city of Hampton, Virginia, or to a public housing authority for such city, or to any agency or corporation, established or sponsored in the public interest by such city, all of the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to that portion of War Housing Project VA-44067 which lies within the limits of the city of Hampton, or (b) to the cities of Warwick and Hampton, Virginia, jointly, or to a public housing authority for such cities, or to any agency or corporation jointly established or sponsored in the public interest by such cities, all of the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to both or either of the projects mentioned in (1) and (2) above. Any

Warwick and
Hampton, Va.
Conveyance.

sale pursuant to this authorization shall be on such terms and conditions as the Administrator shall determine, and the amount received for each project shall be reported by the Administrator to the Banking and Currency Committee of the Senate and the Banking and Currency Committee of the House of Representatives.

Effectivity.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this Act shall be effective only during the period ending six months after the date of approval hereof.

Approved June 16, 1955.

Public Law 81

CHAPTER 150

June 16, 1955
[S. 998]

AN ACT

To authorize the conveyance of a certain tract of land in the State of Oklahoma to the city of Woodward, Oklahoma.

Woodward, Okla.
Conveyance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to convey by quitclaim deed to the city of Woodward, Oklahoma, all of the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the following-described land situated in Woodward County, Oklahoma:

Beginning at a point 66.0 feet south and 283.0 feet west of the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of section 35, township 23 north, range 21 west, Indian meridian, and running thence south 273.0 feet, thence west 150.0 feet, thence north 273.0 feet, thence east 150.0 feet to the point of beginning, all lying in the northwest quarter of section 35, township 23 north, range 21 west, Indian meridian, and including an area of 0.940 acre more or less.

SEC. 2. The conveyance authorized by this Act shall be made subject to (a) the condition that the city of Woodward, Oklahoma, pay into the Treasury of the United States, in return for the land conveyed, an amount equal to 50 per centum of the fair market value of such land to be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture after appraisal of such land, and (b) such other conditions, limitations, or reservations as the Secretary may deem necessary to protect the interests of the United States.

Approved June 16, 1955.

Public Law 82

CHAPTER 151

June 16, 1955
[S. 1398]

AN ACT

To strengthen the investigation provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act.

Commodity Exchange Act, amendment.
42 Stat. 1002.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the third sentence of section 6 (b) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U. S. C. 15) is amended to read as follows: "For the purpose of securing effective enforcement of the provisions of this Act, and for the purpose of any investigation or proceeding under this Act, the provisions, including penalties, of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended and supplemented (49 U. S. C. 12, 46, 47, 48), relating to the attendance and testimony of witnesses, the production of documentary evidence, and the immunity of witnesses, are made applicable to the power, jurisdiction, and authority of the Secretary of Agriculture (or any person designated by him), the commission, and any referee designated pursuant to the provisions of this Act, and to any person subject thereto."

Approved June 16, 1955.