

particularly described as follows: The southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter, and the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 12, township 130 north, range 80 west, fifth principal meridian, consisting of five acres more or less.

SEC. 2. The conveyance authorized by this Act shall—

(a) exclude conveyance of any rights to oil, gas, or other mineral deposits in the land conveyed, but the development of any such mineral deposits, which would in any manner interfere with the use of such land as a State historic site, shall not be permitted so long as such land is so used; and

(b) be subject to the condition that in the event the land conveyed should cease to be used as a State historic site title to such land shall revert to the United States to be held in the same manner it was held prior to such conveyance.

Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 262

CHAPTER 622

AN ACT

August 9, 1955
[S. 1138]

To continue the effectiveness of the Act of July 17, 1953 (67 Stat. 177), as amended, providing certain construction and other authority.

Armed Forces.
Construction au-
thority.
50 USC app.
1173.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the Act of July 17, 1953 (67 Stat. 177), as amended and extended by the Act of July 26, 1954 (68 Stat. 531), shall remain in full force and effect until six months after the termination of the national emergency proclaimed by the President on December 16, 1950, or until such date as may be specified by a concurrent resolution of the Congress, or until July 1, 1956, whichever is earliest.

Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 263

CHAPTER 623

AN ACT

August 9, 1955
[S. 878]

To amend the Act extending the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah so as to authorize such State to exchange certain mineral lands for other lands mineral in character.

Uintah and Ouray
Indian Reserva-
tion, Utah.
Mineral land ex-
change.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes", approved March 11, 1948 (62 Stat. 72), is amended by striking out the first sentence of such section and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "The State of Utah may relinquish to the United States for the benefit of the Indians of the said Ute Reservation such tracts of school or other State-owned lands, surveyed or unsurveyed, within the said reserved area, as it may see fit (reserving to said State, if it so desires, such rights as it may possess to any minerals underlying such State lands as may be relinquished), and said State shall have the right to make selections, including mineral lands and the minerals therein (including oil and gas) if the lands relinquished are mineral in character and rights to the minerals in such lands are relinquished along with the lands, in lieu thereof

outside of the area hereby withdrawn, equal in value, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior, to the lands relinquished, from the vacant, unappropriated public lands, within the State of Utah, such lieu selections to be made in the manner provided in the enabling Act pertaining to said State, except as to the payment of fees or commissions, which are hereby waived. Valid rights and claims of individuals initiated under Federal law with respect to any lands so selected and prior to such selection shall not be affected by such selection."

Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 264

CHAPTER 624

AN ACT

To amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act.

August 9, 1955
[S. 1167]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (e) of section 8 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U. S. C. 590h (e)), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "Persons who carry out conservation practices on federally owned noncropland which directly conserve or benefit nearby or adjoining privately owned lands of such persons and who maintain and use such Federal land under agreement with the Federal agency having jurisdiction thereof and who comply with the terms and conditions of the agricultural conservation program formulated pursuant to sections 7 to 17 of this Act, as amended, shall be entitled to apply for and receive payments under such program to the same extent as other producers."

Soil conserva-
tion of Federal
lands.
52 Stat. 34.

Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 265

CHAPTER 625

AN ACT

To authorize the conveyance by quitclaim deed of certain land to the Brownsville Navigation District of Cameron County, Texas.

August 9, 1955
[S. 1340]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army is hereby authorized and directed to reconvey, by quitclaim deed, to the Brownsville Navigation District of Cameron County, Texas, for a monetary consideration equal to that paid by the United States to such district therefor, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to those lands located on Brazos and Padre Island, Cameron County, Texas, including accretions thereto, which were conveyed to the United States by the Brownsville Navigation District by two deeds, both dated October 25, 1932, and recorded in volume 243, pages 260-262, and volume 244, pages 101-103 of the deed records of Cameron County, Texas, except for such portions of the lands or interests therein as the Secretary of the Army may determine are needed in connection with river and harbor improvement works at the location.

Brownsville
Navigation Dis-
trict, Tex.
Conveyance.

SEC. 2. The conveyance authorized by this Act shall contain such terms and conditions as the Secretary of the Army, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Treasury, determines advisable to assure that the use of the land by the Brownsville Navigation District or its transferees will be compatible with the operations of the