

68A Stat. 849,
26 USC 7121,
7122.

of 1939 or section 7121 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, relating to closing agreements, and other than section 3761 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939 or section 7122 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, relating to compromises), refund or credit of such overpayment may, nevertheless, be made or allowed if claim therefor is filed within one year after the date of the enactment of this Act. No interest shall be allowed or paid on any overpayment if refund or credit of such overpayment would not be allowable but for this Act.

Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 311

CHAPTER 671

August 9, 1955
[H. R. 2851]

AN ACT

To make corn meal and wheat flour available to needy persons.

Agriculture.
Corn meal and
wheat flour for re-
lief.

49 Stat. 774.

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 hereby authorized upon specific request of the Governor of any State during the period commencing with the date of this Act and ending June 30, 1957, to make available, pursuant to clause (2) of section 32 of the Act approved August 24, 1935 (7 U. S. C. 612c) for distribution by State agencies, other than institutions and schools, directly to families and persons determined by appropriate State or local public welfare agencies to be in need, wheat flour and corn meal in such quantities as the Secretary of Agriculture determines can be effectively distributed and utilized within such period without regard to the requirement contained in said section 32, that such funds be devoted principally to perishable nonbasic agricultural commodities and their products, but not more than \$15,000,000 of such funds shall be devoted in any fiscal year to carrying out this Act. Such flour and meal shall be made available by the Secretary upon such conditions as he deems to be in the public interest, to such State agency or agencies as may be designated by the proper State authority and approved by the Secretary, and at one or more central locations in such State.

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Public Law 312

CHAPTER 672

August 9, 1955
[H. R. 3235]

AN ACT

To provide for adjustments in the lands or interests therein acquired for the Demopolis Lock and Dam, Alabama, by the reconveyance of certain lands or interests therein to the former owners thereof.

Demopolis Lock
and Dam, Ala.
Reconveyance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) in order to provide for adjustments in the lands or interests in land heretofore acquired for the Demopolis Lock and Dam project to conform such acquisition to a lesser estate in lands now being acquired to complete the real estate requirement of the project, the Secretary of the Army is authorized to reconvey any such land or interests in land heretofore acquired to the former owners of such land whenever (1) he shall determine that such land or interest is not required for public purposes, and (2) he shall have received an application for reconveyance as hereinafter provided.

(b) The Secretary shall give notice, in such manner (including publication) as he shall by regulation prescribe, to the former owner

of such land or interest, and any such sale of any such land or interest shall be made only after the Secretary has received an application for the reconveyance of such land or interest from such former owner, in such form as he shall by regulation prescribe. Such application shall be made within a period of ninety days following the date of issuance of such notice, but on good cause the Secretary may waive this requirement.

(c) Any reconveyance of land or interest therein made under this Act shall be subject to such exceptions, restrictions, and reservations (including a reservation to the United States of flowage rights) as the Secretary may determine are in the public interest.

(d) Any land or interest therein reconveyed under this Act shall be sold for an amount determined by the Secretary to be equal to the price for which the land was acquired by the United States, adjusted to reflect (1) any increase in the value thereof resulting from improvements made thereon by the United States (the Government shall receive no payment as a result of any enhancement of values resulting from the construction of the Demopolis Lock and Dam project), or (2) any decrease in the value thereof resulting from (A) any reservation, exception, restriction, and condition to which the reconveyance is made subject, and (B) any damage to the land or interest therein caused by the United States. In addition, the cost of any surveys necessary as an incident of such reconveyance shall be borne by the grantee.

(e) The requirements of this section shall not be applicable with respect to the disposition of any land, or interest therein, described in subsection (a) if the Secretary shall certify that notice has been given to the former owner of such land or interest as provided in subsection (b) and that no qualified applicant has made timely application for the reconveyance of such land or interest.

(f) As used in this section, the term "former owner" means the person from whom any land, or interest therein, was acquired by the United States, or if such person is deceased, his spouse, or if such spouse is deceased, his children.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Army may delegate any authority conferred upon him by this Act to any officer or employee of the Department of the Army. Any such officer or employee shall exercise the authority so delegated under rules and regulations approved by the Secretary.

SEC. 3. Any proceeds from sales made under this Act shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts.

SEC. 4. This Act shall terminate three years after the date of its enactment.

Termination date.

Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 313

CHAPTER 673

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, and for other purposes.

August 9, 1955
[H. R. 6585]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 927 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, as amended (sec. 24-301, D. C. Code, 1951 edition), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 927. (a) Whenever a person is arrested, indicted, charged by information, or is charged in the juvenile court of the District of

D. C. insane
criminals.
59 Stat. 311.