Public Law 891 CHAPTER 847

August 1, 1956
[S. 1161]

AN ACT

To abolish the Fossil Cycad National Monument, South Dakota, and for other purposes.

Fossil Cycad National Monument, S. Dak.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, effective September 1, 1957, the Fossil Cycad National Monument, South Dakota, is hereby abolished and the lands contained therein shall be administered thereafter by the Secretary of the Interior as public lands in accordance with the public-land laws of the United States: *Provided*, That prior thereto the Secretary of the Interior may, under such regulations as he determines to be appropriate, issue permits to scientific and educational institutions for the discovery, excavation, and removal of fossil cycads for scientific and educational purposes; and

That if any excavations on such lands for the recovery of fissionable materials or any other minerals should be undertaken, such fossil remains discovered shall become the property of the Federal Government.

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Public Law 892 CHAPTER 848

August 1, 1956
[H. R. 4096]

AN ACT

To provide for the disposal of public lands within highway, telephone, and pipeline withdrawals in Alaska, subject to appropriate easements, and for other purposes.

Alaska. Public lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon revocation of a withdrawal for highways, telephone lines, or pipelines, in Alaska, the lands involved shall be subject to disposal only under laws specified by the Secretary of the Interior, subject to easements as established by the Secretary. Notwithstanding any statutory limitation on the area which may be included in an unpatented claim or entry, the Secretary may permit the amendment of the land description of a claim or entry on adjoining lands to include the restored lands.

SEC. 2. The Secretary may sell such restored lands for not less than their appraised value, giving an appropriate preference right to the holders of adjoining claims or entries and to owners of adjoining private lands. If such lands are under the jurisdiction of a Federal department or agency other than the Department of the Interior, any sale thereof shall be made only with the consent of such department or agency.

SEC. 3. Lands in Alaska within an easement hereunder established by the Secretary of the Interior may not be utilized or occupied without the permission of the Secretary, or an officer or agency designated by him. If the lands crossed by an easement established under this Act are under the jurisdiction of a Federal department or agency other than the Department of the Interior, or of a State, Territory, or other government subdivision or agency, such permission may be granted only with the consent of such department, agency, or other governmental unit.

SEC. 4. Nothing in this Act shall affect adversely any valid existing rights.

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