Public Law 86-599

July 7, 1960
[H. R. 3375]

AN ACT

To encourage and stimulate the production and conservation of coal in the United States through research and development by authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to contract for coal research, and for other purposes.

Coal.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That as used in this Act—

(a) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(b) The term "research" means scientific, technical, and economic research and the practical application of that research.

Office of Coal Research, establishment.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall establish within the Department of the Interior an Office of Coal Research, and through such Office shall—

(1) develop through research, new and more efficient methods of mining, preparing, and utilizing coal;

(2) contract for, sponsor, cosponsor, and promote the coordination of, research with recognized interested groups, including but not limited to, coal trade associations, coal research associations, educational institutions, and agencies of States and political subdivisions of States;

(3) establish technical advisory committees composed of recognized experts in various aspects of coal research to assist in the examination and evaluation of research progress and of all research proposals and contracts and to insure the avoidance of duplication of research; and

(4) cooperate to the fullest extent possible with other departments, agencies, and independent establishments of the Federal Government and with State governments, and with all other interested agencies, governmental and nongovernmental.

Advisory committees, procedures.

SEC. 3. (a) Any advisory committee appointed under the provisions of this Act shall keep minutes of each meeting, which shall contain as a minimum (1) the name of each person attending such meeting, (2) a copy of the agenda, and (3) a record of all votes or polls taken during the meeting.

(b) A copy of any such minutes or of any report made by any such committee after final action has been taken thereon by the Secretary shall be available to the public upon request and payment of the cost of furnishing such copy.

Compensation.

(c) Members of any advisory committee appointed from private life under authority of this section shall each receive $50 per diem when engaged in the actual performance of their duties as a member of such advisory committee. Such members shall also be entitled to travel expenses and per diem in lieu of subsistence at the rates authorized by section 5 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 (5 U.S.C. 73b–2) for all persons employed intermittently as consultants or experts receiving compensation on a per diem basis.

60 Stat. 808.

(d) Service by an individual as a member of such an advisory committee shall not subject him to the provisions of section 1914 of title 18 of the United States Code, or, except with respect to a particular matter which directly involves the Office of Coal Research or in which the Office of Coal Research is directly interested, to the provisions of sections 281, 283, or 284 of that title or of section 190 of the Revised Statutes (5 U.S.C. 99).

Coal Research, Director.

SEC. 4. The Secretary may appoint a Director of Coal Research without regard to the provisions of the civil service laws, or the Classification Act of 1949, as amended. Section 107(a) of the Federal Executive Pay Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. 2206(a)), which prescribes

5 USC 1071 note.
70 Stat. 739.

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an annual rate of basic compensation of $17,500 for certain positions, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

"(23) Director of Coal Research, Department of the Interior".

SEC. 5. Research authorized by this Act may be conducted wherever suitable personnel and facilities are available.

SEC. 6. No research shall be carried out, contracted for, sponsored, cosponsored, or authorized under authority of this Act, unless all information, uses, products, processes, patents, and other developments resulting from such research will (with such exceptions and limitations, if any, as the Secretary may find to be necessary in the interest of national defense) be available to the general public. Whenever in the estimation of the Secretary the purposes of this Act would be furthered through the use of patented processes or equipment, the Secretary is authorized to enter into such agreements as he deems necessary for the acquisition or use of such patents on reasonable terms and conditions.

Report to President and Congress.

SEC. 7. The Secretary shall submit to the President and the Congress, on or before February 15 of each year, beginning with the year 1961, a comprehensive report concerning activities under the authority of this Act, including information on all research projects conducted, sponsored, or cosponsored under the authority of this Act during the preceding year.

Appropriation.

SEC. 8. (a) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to remain available until expended, not to exceed $2,000,000 to be used to carry out the purposes of this Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1960.

(b) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year beginning after June 30, 1961, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(c) Sums appropriated to carry out the purposes of this Act shall remain available until expended.

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To provide for the presentation of a medal to persons who have served as members of a United States expedition to Antarctica.

Antarctic expedition.
Medals for members.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That each person who serves, or has served, as a member of a United States expedition to Antarctica between January 1, 1946, and a date to be subsequently established by the Secretary of Defense shall be presented a medal with accompanying ribbons and appurtenances, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Military Departments under whose cognizance the expedition falls, such regulations to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Defense. The regulations may include provisions for award to civilian as well as uniformed members and for posthumous awards.

Members of the Armed Forces of the United States who are presented the medal referred to in the first section of this Act may wear such medal and the ribbon symbolic of such medal in such manner as shall be prescribed by regulations approved by the Secretary of Defense.

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