

SEC. 8. For the purposes of this Act, the term "underage" shall be construed in accordance with the terms of the treaty signed at London, March 25, 1936.

"Underage" con-
strued.
50 Stat. 1363.

SEC. 9. The United States would welcome and support an international conference for naval limitations and in the event of an international treaty for the further limitations of naval armament to which the United States is signatory, the President is hereby authorized and empowered to suspend so much of its naval construction as has been authorized as may be necessary to bring the naval armament of the United States within the limitations so agreed upon, except that such suspension shall not apply to vessels and aircraft then actually under construction.

International con-
ference for naval limi-
tations favored.

SEC. 10. (a) The Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and directed to appoint a board consisting of not less than five officers to investigate and report upon the need, for purposes of national defense, for the establishment of additional submarine, destroyer, mine, and naval air bases on the coasts of the United States, its territories and possessions.

National defense.
Appointment of
board to investigate
need for additional
submarine, etc., bases.

(b) The Secretary of the Navy is further directed to cause the report of the board authorized by this section to be transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives during the first session of the Seventy-sixth Congress.

Report to House of
Representatives.

SEC. 11. That the Navy Department shall construct upon the Pacific coast of the United States such vessels as the President of the United States may determine to be necessary in order to maintain shipyard facilities upon the Pacific coast necessary and adequate to meet the requirements of national defense.

Naval construction
on Pacific coast.

SEC. 12. The construction, alteration, furnishing, or equipping of any naval vessel authorized by this Act, or the construction, alteration, furnishing, or equipping of any naval vessels with funds from any appropriation available for such purposes, contracts for which are made after June 30, 1938, shall be in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 846, Seventy-fourth Congress, approved June 30, 1936, unless such course, in the judgment of the President of the United States, should not be in the interest of national defense.

Construction, etc.,
contracts.

49 Stat. 2036.
41 U. S. C., Supp.
III, § 35.

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[CHAPTER 250]

AN ACT

To authorize the completion, maintenance, and operation of the Fort Peck project for navigation, and for other purposes.

May 18, 1938
[S. 2650]
[Public, No. 529]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of improving navigation on the Missouri River, and for other purposes incidental thereto, the dam and appurtenant works now under construction at Fort Peck, Montana, and a suitable power plant for the production of hydroelectric power (which dam, power plant, and appurtenant works are hereinafter called Fort Peck project), shall be completed, maintained, and operated under the direction of the Secretary of War and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers, subject to the provisions of this Act relating to the powers and duties of the Bureau of Reclamation (hereinafter called the Bureau), as provided for in section 2 (a), respecting the transmission and sale of electric energy generated at said project. The Secretary of War shall provide, construct, operate, maintain, and improve at Fort Peck project such machinery, equipment, and facilities for the generation of electric energy as the Bureau may deem

Fort Peck project,
Mont.
General purposes
declared.

Completion, main-
tenance, and operation
under Secretary of
War.
Administrative pro-
visions respecting Bu-
reau of Reclamation.

necessary to develop such electric energy as rapidly as markets may be found therefor. The electric energy thus generated and not required for the operation of the dam at such project and the navigation facilities employed in connection therewith shall be delivered to the Bureau for disposition as provided in this Act.

Disposal of electric energy.

44 Stat. 657.
43 U. S. C. § 373a.
Sale, etc., of surplus energy.

Form of administration provisional.

Additional facilities authorized.

Scheduling of operations.

Station space and equipment.

Encouragement of general use of energy.

Prevention of monopolization.

Acquisition of property, etc.

Title.

Acquisition of property or property rights.

SEC. 2. (a) The electric energy generated in the operation of the said Fort Peck project shall be disposed of by the Bureau as hereinafter provided. The Bureau shall exercise the powers and perform the duties provided for in this Act under the supervision and direction of the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the Act of May 26, 1926 (44 Stat. 657). The Bureau shall, as hereinafter provided, make all arrangements for the sale and disposition of electric energy generated at the Fort Peck project not required for the operation of the dam at such project and the navigation facilities employed in connection therewith. The form of administration herein established for the Fort Peck project is intended to be provisional pending the establishment of a permanent administration for Fort Peck and other projects in the Missouri River Basin. The Secretary of War shall install and maintain additional machinery, equipment, and facilities for the generation of electric energy at the Fort Peck project when in the judgment of the Bureau such additional generating facilities are desirable to meet actual or potential market requirements for such electric energy. The Secretary of War shall schedule the operations of the several electrical generating units and appurtenant equipment of the Fort Peck project in accordance with the requirements of the Bureau. The Secretary of War shall provide and maintain for the use of the Bureau at said Fort Peck project adequate station space and equipment, including such switches, switchboards, instruments, and dispatching facilities as may be required by the Bureau for proper reception, handling, and dispatching of the electric energy produced at the said project, together with transformers and other equipment required by the Bureau for the transmission of such energy from that place at suitable voltage to the markets which the Bureau desires to serve.

(b) In order to encourage the widest possible use of all electric energy that can be generated and marketed and to provide reasonable outlets therefor, and to prevent the monopolization thereof by limited groups, the Bureau is authorized and directed to provide, construct, operate, maintain, and improve such electric transmission lines and substations, and facilities and structures appurtenant thereto, as it finds necessary, desirable, or appropriate for the purpose of transmitting electric energy, available for sale, from the Fort Peck project to existing and potential markets, and, for the purpose of interchange of electric energy, to interconnect the Fort Peck project with either private or with other Federal projects and publicly owned power systems now or hereafter constructed.

(c) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized, in the name of the United States, to acquire, by purchase, lease, condemnation, or donation, such real and personal property, or any interest therein, including lands, easements, rights-of-way, franchises, electric transmission lines, substations, and facilities and structures appurtenant thereto, as he finds necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Act. Title to all property and property rights acquired by said Secretary shall be taken in the name of the United States.

(d) The Secretary of the Interior shall have power to acquire any property or property rights, including patent rights, which in his opinion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, by purchase, lease, donation, or by the exercise of the right of eminent

domain and to institute condemnation proceedings therefor in the same manner as is provided by law for the condemnation of real estate.

(e) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized, in the name of the United States, to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of such personal property as in his judgment is not required for the purposes of this Act and such real property and interests in land acquired in connection with construction or operation of electric transmission lines or substations as in his judgment are not required for the purposes of this Act.

Disposal of personal property.

Real property, etc.

(f) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Bureau is authorized, in the name of the United States, to negotiate and enter into such contracts, agreements, and arrangements as it shall find necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Contracts, etc., authorized.

SEC. 3. As employed in this Act, the term "public body," or "public bodies," means States, public power districts, counties, and municipalities, including agencies or subdivisions of any thereof.

Terms defined.
"Public body";
"public bodies."

As employed in this Act, the term "cooperative," or "cooperatives," means any form of nonprofit-making organization or organizations of citizens supplying, or which may be created to supply, members with any kind of goods, commodities, or services, as nearly as possible at cost.

"Cooperative"; "cooperatives."

SEC. 4. In order to insure that the facilities for the generation of electric energy at the Fort Peck project shall be operated for the benefit of the general public, and particularly of domestic and rural consumers, the Bureau shall at all times, in disposing of electric energy generated at said project, give preference and priority to public bodies and cooperatives.

Disposal of power; preferences, etc.

SEC. 5. Schedules of rates and charges for electric energy produced at the Fort Peck project and sold to purchasers as in this Act provided shall be prepared by the Bureau and become effective upon confirmation and approval thereof by the Federal Power Commission. Subject to confirmation and approval by the Federal Power Commission, such rate schedules may be modified from time to time by the Bureau and shall be fixed and established with a view to encouraging the widest possible diversified use of electric energy. The said rate schedules may provide for uniform rate or rates uniform throughout prescribed transmission areas in order to extend the benefits of an integrated transmission system and encourage the equitable distribution of the electric energy developed at the Fort Peck project.

Schedules of rates and charges.

Uniformity.

SEC. 6. It is the intent of Congress that rate schedules for the sale of electric energy which is or may be generated at the Fort Peck project in excess of the amount required for operating the dam and appurtenant works at said project shall be determined with due regard to and predicated upon the fact that such electric energy is developed from water power created as an incident to the construction of the dam in the Missouri River at the Fort Peck project for the purposes set forth in section 1 of this Act. Rate schedules shall be drawn having regard to the recovery (upon the basis of the application of such rate schedules to the capacity of the electric facilities of Fort Peck project) of the cost of producing and transmitting such electric energy, including the amortization of the capital investment over a reasonable period of years. Rate schedules shall be based upon an allocation of costs made by the Federal Power Commission. In computing the cost of electric energy developed from water power created as an incident to and a byproduct of the construction of Fort Peck project, the Federal Power Commission may allocate to the costs of electric facilities such a share of the cost of facilities having joint

Rates predicated on fact that energy is incidental to dam construction.

Allocation of costs.

value for the production of electric energy and other purposes as the power development may fairly bear as compared with such other purposes.

Purchases and contracts.

Advertising, opening of bids, etc.

Emergencies.

Repair parts, etc.

Minor purchases.

Factors to be considered in comparing bids.

Accounts of operations.

Expenditures.

Financial, etc., report to Congress.

Attorneys, engineers, and other experts.

Salary limitation.

Other personal services.

5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674; Supp. III, §§ 673, 673c.

Utilization of facilities of Bureau.

Deposit of receipts; exception.

SEC. 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all purchases and contracts made by the Bureau or the Secretary of War for supplies or for services, except for personal services, shall be made after advertising, in such manner and at such times, sufficiently in advance of opening bids, as the Bureau or Secretary of War, as the case may be, shall determine to be adequate to insure notice and opportunity for competition. Such advertisement shall not be required, however, when (1) an emergency requires immediate delivery of the supplies or performance of the services; or (2) repair parts, accessories, supplemental equipment, or services are required for supplies or services previously furnished or contracted for; or (3) the aggregate amount involved in any purchase of supplies or procurement of services does not exceed \$500; in which cases such purchase of supplies or procurement of services may be made in the open market in the manner common among businessmen. In comparing bids and in making awards, the Bureau or the Secretary of War, as the case may be, may consider such factors as relative quality and adaptability of supplies or services, the bidder's financial responsibility, skill, experience, record of integrity in dealing, and ability to furnish repairs and maintenance services, the time of delivery or performance offered, and whether the bidder has complied with the specifications.

SEC. 8. (a) The Bureau, subject to the requirements of the Federal Water Power Act, shall keep complete and accurate accounts of operations, including all funds expended and received in connection with transmission and sale of electric energy generated at the Fort Peck project.

(b) The Bureau may make such expenditures for offices, vehicles, furnishings, equipment, supplies, and books; for attendance at meetings; and for such other facilities and services as it may find necessary for the proper administration of this Act.

(c) In December of each year, the Secretary of the Interior shall file with the Congress a financial statement and a complete report as to the transmission and sale of electric energy generated at the Fort Peck project during the preceding governmental fiscal year.

SEC. 9. The Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of War, and the Federal Power Commission, respectively, shall appoint such attorneys, engineers, and other experts as may be necessary for carrying out the functions entrusted to them under this Act, without regard to the provisions of the civil-service laws, and shall fix the compensation of each of such attorneys, engineers, and other experts at not to exceed \$7,500 per annum; and they may, subject to the civil-service laws, appoint such other officers and employees as may be necessary to carry out such functions and fix their salaries in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, as amended. In the administration of this Act the services of regular employees in the Bureau may be utilized and an equitable part of the salaries of such employees whose services are thus utilized may be charged by the Bureau to the operating costs of the power features of the Fort Peck project. The Bureau similarly may utilize and charge for facilities of the Bureau which economically can be used in connection with the administration of this Act.

SEC. 10. All receipts from transmission and sale of electric energy generated at the Fort Peck project shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States to the credit of miscellaneous receipts,

save and except that the Treasury shall set up and maintain from such receipts a continuing fund of \$500,000, to the credit of the Bureau and subject to expenditure by it, to defray the operating expense of generation and transmission of power delivered to the Bureau for disposal under this Act, to defray emergency expenses and to insure continuous operation. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated from time to time, out of moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, including installation of equipment and machinery for the generation of electric energy, and facilities for its transmission and sale.

Continuing fund to be set up, etc.

Emergency expenses, etc.
Appropriations authorized.

SEC. 11. The Secretary of the Interior may, in the name of the United States, under the supervision of the Attorney General, bring such suits at law or in equity as in his judgment may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act; and he shall be represented in the prosecution and defense of all litigation affecting the status or operation of the Fort Peck project by the United States attorneys for the districts, respectively, in which such litigation may arise, or by such attorney or attorneys as the Attorney General may designate as authorized by law, in conjunction with the regularly employed attorneys of the Bureau.

Suits necessary for execution of Act authorized.

SEC. 12. If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, the remainder of the Act and the application of such provisions to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

Separability provision.

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[CHAPTER 251]

AN ACT

To provide for the administration and maintenance of the Natchez Trace Parkway, in the States of Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee, by the Secretary of the Interior, and for other purposes.

May 18, 1938
[H. R. 6652]

[Public, No. 530]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all lands and easements heretofore and hereafter conveyed to the United States by the States of Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee for the right-of-way for the projected parkway between Natchez, Mississippi, and Nashville, Tennessee, together with sites acquired or to be acquired for recreational areas in connection therewith, and a right-of-way for said parkway of a width sufficient to include the highway and all bridges, ditches, cuts, and fills appurtenant thereto, but not exceeding a maximum of two hundred feet through Government-owned lands (except that where small parcels of Government-owned lands would otherwise be isolated, or where topographic conditions or scenic requirements are such that bridges, ditches, cuts, fills, parking overlooks, and landscape development could not reasonably be confined to a width of two hundred feet, the said maximum may be increased to such width as may be necessary, with the written approval of the department or agency having jurisdiction over such lands) as designated on maps heretofore or hereafter approved by the Secretary of the Interior, shall be known as the Natchez Trace Parkway and shall be administered and maintained by the Secretary of the Interior through the National Park Service, subject to the provisions of the Act of Congress approved August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535), entitled "An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes", the provisions of which Act, as amended and sup-

Natchez Trace Parkway, Miss., Ala., and Tenn.

Administration and maintenance of right-of-way, etc.

Sites for recreational areas.

Right-of-way width.

Name.

39 Stat. 535.
16 U. S. C. § 1-4;
Supp. III, § 2.