

interests as herein provided, or in the event that the bridge herein authorized is not constructed within five years from the date of approval of this joint resolution, the Commission shall be dissolved and shall cease to have further existence, by an order of the comptroller of the State of New York made upon his own initiative or upon application of the Commission or any member or members thereof, but only after a public hearing in the city of Niagara Falls, notice of the time and place of which hearing and the purpose thereof shall have been published once, at least thirty days before the date thereof, in a newspaper published in the city of Niagara Falls, New York, and a newspaper published in the city of Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. At the time of such dissolution, all moneys in the hands of or to the credit of the Commission shall be divided into two equal parts, one of which shall be paid to said United States interests and the other to said Canadian interests.

SEC. 9. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize or permit the Commission or any member thereof to create any obligation or incur any liability other than such obligations and liabilities as are dischargeable solely from funds provided by this joint resolution. No obligation created or liability incurred pursuant to this joint resolution shall be an obligation or liability of any member or members of the Commission but shall be chargeable solely to the funds herein provided, nor shall any indebtedness created pursuant to this joint resolution be an indebtedness of the United States.

SEC. 10 All provisions of this joint resolution may be enforced, or the violation thereof prevented by mandamus, injunction, or other appropriate remedy brought by the attorney general for the State of New York, the United States district attorney for the district in which the bridge may be located in part, or by the solicitor general of the Dominion of Canada in any court having competent jurisdiction of the subject matter and of the parties.

SEC. 11. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this joint resolution is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, June 16, 1938.

Public hearing,
notice.

Division of moneys.

Creation of other ob-
ligations, etc., for-
bidden.

Enforcement of pro-
visions; remedies, etc.

Amendment, etc.

[CHAPTER 514]

AN ACT

To quiet title and possession to certain islands in the Tennessee River in the counties of Colbert and Lauderdale, Alabama.

June 16, 1938
[H. R. 7500]
[Public, No. 608]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the right, title, and interest of the United States, except such right, title, and interest as has been acquired by the United States through purchase or condemnation, in and to all of the following-described property, to wit—

An island known as the "Brush Creek Island" lying in the Tennessee River in sections 14 and 15, township 2 south, range 14 west, in Lauderdale, Alabama; and

An island known as the "Bluff Creek Island" lying in the Tennessee River in section 19, township 2 south, range 13 west, in the county of Lauderdale, State of Alabama; and

An island known as the "Waterloo" or "Bledsoe Island" lying in the Tennessee River in section 12, township 2 south, range 15 west, in the county of Colbert, State of Alabama.

be, and the same is hereby, released, relinquished, and confirmed by the United States to the owners of the equitable titles thereto, as fully and completely in every respect whatever as could be done by

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dale Counties, Ala.
Release of U. S. title
to designated islands
to owners of equitable
titles.

Description.

Proviso.
Title of United
States only, relin-
quished.

patents issued according to law: *Provided*, That this Act shall amount to a relinquishment of any title the United States has or is supposed to have in and to any of the said lands and shall not be construed to abridge, impair, injure, prejudice, or divest in any manner any valid right, title, or interest of any person or body corporate whatever, the true intent of this Act being to concede and abandon all right, title, and interest of the United States to the lands described herein to those persons, estates, firms, or corporations who would be the equitable owners of said lands under the laws of the State of Alabama in the absence of the said interest, title, and estate of the United States.

Approved, June 16, 1938.

[CHAPTER 515]

AN ACT

To quiet title and possession to certain lands in the Tennessee River in the counties of Colbert and Lauderdale, Alabama.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the right, title, and interest of the United States, except such right, title, and interest as has been acquired by the United States through purchase or condemnation, in and to all of the following-described property, to wit:

A tract of land lying in Lauderdale County, State of Alabama, in the Tennessee River, in township 3 south, range 11 west, said tract being an island and more particularly described as follows:

An island named "Garner Towhead", lying in the Tennessee River, the upstream tip of which is approximately nine hundred and seventy feet south of and approximately two thousand seven hundred feet east of the northwest corner of section 31. Said island has an approximate maximum length of three thousand and forty feet and an approximate maximum width of four hundred and thirty feet.

The above-described island contains twenty-three and four-tenths acres, more or less; and

A tract of land lying in Lauderdale County, State of Alabama, in the Tennessee River, in township 3 south, range 11 west, said tract being an island and more particularly described as follows:

An unnamed island lying in the Tennessee River, the downstream tip of which is approximately one thousand five hundred and seventy feet south of and approximately two thousand six hundred and sixty feet east of the northwest corner of section 31. Said island has an approximate maximum length of one thousand two hundred and twenty feet and an approximate maximum width of two hundred and ninety feet.

The above-described island contains five and two-tenths acres, more or less; and

A tract of land lying in Lauderdale County, State of Alabama, in the Tennessee River, in townships 3 and 4 south, range 12 west, said tract being an island and more particularly described as follows:

An unnamed island lying in the Tennessee River, the downstream tip of which is approximately five thousand three hundred and forty feet south of and approximately two thousand two hundred and twenty feet east of the northwest corner of section 36. Said island has an approximate maximum length of five hundred and fifty feet and an approximate maximum width of ninety feet.

The above-described island contains eight-tenths acre, more or less; and

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Release of U. S. title to designated tracts to owners of equitable titles.

Description.