

[CHAPTER 690]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to furnish mats for the reproduction in magazines and newspapers of photographs of national park scenery.

August 27, 1940
[S. 769]

[Public, No. 771]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to have prepared mats which may be used for the reproduction in magazines and newspapers of photographs of such of the scenery in the national parks as, in the opinion of the Secretary, would be of interest to the people of the United States and foreign nations. Any such mats may be furnished, without charge and under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, to the publishers of magazines, newspapers, and any other publications which may carry photographic reproductions.

Photographs of national park scenery. Preparation of mats for magazines, etc.

No charge for mats.

Appropriation authorized.
Post, p. 1042.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941, the sum of \$3,000 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Approved, August 27, 1940.

[CHAPTER 691]

AN ACT

Granting to certain claimants the preference right to purchase certain public lands in the State of Florida.

August 27, 1940
[S. 3975]

[Public, No. 772]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior, in his discretion, is hereby authorized to sell, in the manner hereinafter provided, lots 3, 4, and 5, section 10, lots 3, 4, 5, and 6, section 11, lots 1 and 2, section 14, township 3 south, range 17 west, Tallahassee meridian, Florida, which lands were omitted from the original survey due to the erroneous meanders of the Gulf of Mexico and shown upon the official plat of the original survey as a water-covered area.

Florida. Sale of designated public lands authorized.

SEC. 2. Any owner in good faith of land in sections 10, 11, and 14, township 3 south, range 17 west, shown by the official plat of the original survey approved May 22, 1849, to be bounded by the Gulf of Mexico, but which in fact is bounded by the omitted area as shown by plat of survey accepted March 6, 1939, and who acquired title to such land prior to this enactment, or any citizen of the United States who in good faith under color of title or claiming as a riparian owner has, prior to this Act, placed valuable improvements upon or reduced to cultivation any of the lands subject to the operation of this Act, shall have a preferred right to purchase the erroneously omitted land lying adjacent to his privately owned land, or to purchase the land thus improved by him, respectively, at any time within ninety days from the date of the passage of this Act. Every application to purchase must be filed in the General Land Office and must be accompanied with satisfactory proof that the applicant is entitled to such preference right and that the lands which he applies to purchase are not in the legal possession of an adverse claimant under the public land laws. The term "citizen" as herein used shall include any association of citizens, and a corporation organized under the laws of any State and authorized to engage in business in the State of Florida. In event that any such applicant shall have contracted to convey or attempted to convey title to any of the above-described lands with covenants of warranty, express or implied, he may be allowed to make such purchase and to obtain patent in trust for the persons holding under such contract or conveyance, as their interests may appear.

Preferred rights to purchase.

Application to purchase.

"Citizen" construed.

Contract to convey, etc., lands with covenants of warranty.

Appraisal of lands.

SEC. 3. Upon the filing of an application to purchase any lands subject to the operation of this Act, together with the required proof, the Secretary of the Interior shall cause the lands described in said application to be appraised, said appraisal to be on the basis of the value of such lands at the date of appraisal exclusive of any increased value resulting from the development or improvement thereof by the applicant or his predecessor in interest.

Issuance of patent upon payment of appraised value.

SEC. 4. An applicant to purchase under the provisions of this Act, in order to be entitled to a patent, must, within three months from receipt of notice of appraisal, pay to the Commissioner of the General Land Office the appraised value of the lands, and thereupon a patent shall issue to said applicant for such lands as the Secretary of the Interior shall determine that such applicant is entitled to purchase under this Act. The proceeds from such sales shall be covered into the United States Treasury and applied as provided by law for the disposal of the proceeds from the sale of public lands.

Proceeds covered into Treasury.

Rules and regulations.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to prescribe all necessary rules and regulations for administering the provisions of this Act and determining conflicting claims arising hereunder.

Mineral rights reserved.

SEC. 6. All purchases made and patents issued under the provisions of this Act shall be subject to and contain a reservation to the United States of all the coal, oil, gas, and other minerals in the lands so purchased and patented, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same.

Approved, August 27, 1940.

[CHAPTER 692]

AN ACT

August 27, 1940 [S. 4011] [Public, No. 773]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to accept payment of an annual equitable overhead charge in connection with the repayment contract between the United States and the Strawberry Water Users' Association of Payson, Utah, in full satisfaction of delinquent billings upon the basis of an annual fixed overhead charge, and for other purposes.

Strawberry Water Users' Association, Payson, Utah. Payment by, of annual overhead charge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in connection with any amendment heretofore or hereafter made to the repayment contract between the Strawberry Water Users' Association of Payson, Utah, and the United States, dated September 28, 1926, as amended, to pay construction charges under the provisions of the Federal reclamation laws providing for payment annually of an amount as is determined by the Secretary each year to be sufficient to cover the Strawberry Valley project's equitable portion of the expense of the Chief Engineer's office, the field legal office, and the other detached offices of the Bureau of Reclamation, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized, subsequent to the effective date of such an amendment, to accept in full satisfaction for all flat overhead charges owing or allocable to the period up to the effective date of the amendment under the contract provisions in effect prior to such amendment a sum determined at the rate of \$400 for each year.

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[CHAPTER 693]

AN ACT

August 27, 1940 [S. 4137] [Public, No. 774]

Relating to transportation of foreign mail by aircraft.

Postal Service. Transportation of foreign mail by aircraft.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases where, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (i) (2) of section 405 of the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, approved June 23, 1938 (52