

49 Stat. 1387.

Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to convey the Charleston Army Base Terminal to the city of Charleston, South Carolina", approved May 27, 1936 (prohibiting the city of Charleston from transferring title to the property conveyed under such Act and reserving a right to the United States to retake such property in the event of a national emergency), to be included in the deed executed pursuant to the provisions of such Act the Secretary of the Army is hereby authorized and directed to release to the city of Charleston, South Carolina, by an appropriate written instrument, such restrictions and conditions so far as they pertain to the area designated as "tract numbered 2—part 1", comprising approximately two hundred seventy-eight and ninety-two one-hundredths acres, on the map on file in the Office, Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, entitled "Tract No. 2, Portion of Charleston Ordnance Depot, North Charleston, S. C., Date: 2 Feb. 1949, Drawing Number RE-1/372 (Rev.), as further revised 9 Feb. 1949."

U. S. easements and rights-of-way.

(b) In executing the written instrument referred to in subsection (a) the Secretary of the Army is authorized and directed to make provision for reservation and/or conveyance to the United States of all easements and rights-of-way (including use of water and sewer mains) that are now enjoyed by the United States with respect to such tract and are deemed necessary for retention by the Secretary of the Army, subject to the provision that any such easements and rights-of-way (including use of water and sewer mains) as may at any time, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Army, be no longer required for governmental use may be abandoned, and upon such abandonment will automatically terminate. Such instrument shall recite that with respect to that certain water main which intersects the northwesterly corner of the above-described premises, the City Council of Charleston, South Carolina, its successors, or assigns, may with the written consent of the Secretary of the Army, relocate at its sole cost and expense such water main on other lands and that in such event all rights and privileges now enjoyed by the United States with respect to such water main shall cease and terminate.

Conveyance.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Army is authorized to convey by quitclaim deed to the City Council of Charleston, South Carolina, all or any part of the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to so much of that certain tract of land comprising one and two hundred and five one-thousandths acres, more or less, and designated as tract 5, exception "C", on the drawing described in the first section of this Act, as the Secretary of the Army determines is no longer needed for military purposes. Any conveyance executed pursuant to the authority contained in this section shall be made upon payment by the City Council of Charleston, South Carolina, of the fair market value of the property to be conveyed.

Approved June 10, 1949.

[CHAPTER 194]

## AN ACT

June 10, 1949  
[S. 1229]  
[Public Law 98]

To enable certain former officers or employees of the United States separated from the service subsequent to January 23, 1942, to elect to forfeit their rights to civil-service retirement annuities and to obtain in lieu thereof returns of their contributions with interest.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last paragraph of section 8 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof a colon and the following: "Provided, That any such officer*

Civil Service Retirement Act, 1930, amendment,  
46 Stat. 475,  
5 U. S. C., Supp. II,  
§ 736c.  
Post, p. 476.

or employee who has completed less than twenty years' civilian service may elect to forfeit his right to such annuity and elect to receive in lieu thereof the amount credited to his individual account together with interest compounded on December 31 of each year at the rate of 4 per centum to the date of his separation or December 31, 1947, whichever may be the earlier, and at the rate of 3 per centum for any period thereafter before April 1, 1948: *Provided further*, That if the separation of such officer or employee was involuntary, not by removal for cause on charges of misconduct or delinquency, the total amount of deductions, with such interest, shall be returned."

Approved June 10, 1949.

[CHAPTER 195]

AN ACT

To provide for more effective conservation in the arid and semiarid areas of the United States, and for other purposes.

June 10, 1949  
[H. R. 3181]  
[Public Law 99]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That, in order to provide for more effective accomplishment of the purposes of the Act entitled "An Act to promote conservation in the arid and semiarid areas of the United States by aiding in the development of facilities for water storage and utilization", approved August 28, 1937, as amended (50 Stat. 869; 16 U. S. C. 590r-x; 54 Stat. 1124, 16 U. S. C. 590z-5), section 7 of the Act relating to water conservation and utilization projects in the Great Plains and the arid and semiarid areas of the United States approved October 14, 1940 (54 Stat. 1124; 16 U. S. C. 590z-5), is hereby amended by striking the figures "\$50,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "\$100,000".

Arid and semiarid areas.

Approved June 10, 1949.

[CHAPTER 196]

AN ACT

Authorizing the transfer of a certain tract of land in the Robinson Remount Station to the city of Crawford, Nebraska, and for other purposes.

June 13, 1949  
[S. 314]  
[Public Law 100]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to transfer by quitclaim deed to the city of Crawford, Nebraska, the following-described tract of land lying within the Robinson Remount Station, Fort Robinson, Dawes County, Nebraska: Beginning at the northwest corner of the tract of land conveyed to the city of Crawford for public-park purposes by the Act of Congress approved June 25, 1906 (34 Stat. 461); thence west along the north line of the said station a distance of one thousand one hundred and seventy-five feet; thence south three hundred and six feet; thence south twenty-seven degrees fifty-two minutes east to the westerly boundary line of the present park, the point of intersection being approximately two thousand six hundred and fifteen feet south of the starting point; thence north two thousand six hundred and fifteen feet to point of beginning, containing an area of approximately forty-three and fifty-seven one-hundredths acres: *Provided*, That the city of Crawford shall pay 50 per centum of the appraised fair market value of the property as determined by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Crawford, Nebr.  
Transfer of land.

SEC. 2. Said Secretary is hereby authorized to grant to the city of Crawford, Nebraska, a permanent easement across the lands of the United States comprising the Robinson Remount Station, Fort Robinson, Dawes County, Nebraska, for a pipe line to carry water from

Easement for pipe line.