

of such retirement, but the total reduction shall in no case be more than 25 per centum of such life annuity. The annuity of such widow or widower shall begin on the first day of the month in which the death of the officer or employee occurs or the first day of the month following the widow's or widower's attainment of age fifty, whichever is the later, and such annuity or any right thereto shall terminate upon his or her death or remarriage."

Approved September 30, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 589]

## AN ACT

October 1, 1949  
[H. R. 3851]

[Public Law 311]

To amend Public Law 289, Eightieth Congress, with respect to surplus airport property and to provide for the transfer of compliance functions with relation to such property.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 13 (g) (2) (A) of the Surplus Property Act of 1944, as amended, is further amended by striking out the following: "*Provided*, That no structures disposed of hereunder shall be used as an industrial plant, factory, or similar facility within the meaning of section 23 of this Act, unless the public agency receiving title to such structures shall pay to the United States such sum as the Administrator shall determine to be a fair consideration for the removal of the restrictions imposed by this proviso".

Removal of restriction.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the restriction against use of structures for industrial purposes, as contained in any deed or instrument of disposal pursuant to section 13 (g) (2) (A) of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 765), as amended by the Act of July 30, 1947 (61 Stat. 678), shall, from and after the effective date of this Act, be deemed extinguished and of no force and effect. The Administrator of Civil Aeronautics is hereby authorized to issue such instruments of release or correction, as may be necessary to effect removal of record of such restriction from any of such deeds or other instruments of disposal, without monetary consideration to the United States.

Supra.

Issuance of release, etc.

Enforcement of terms, etc.

SEC. 3. The Administrator of Civil Aeronautics shall have the sole responsibility for determining and enforcing compliance with the terms, conditions, reservations, and restrictions contained in any instrument of disposal by which surplus property is or has been transferred to States and their political subdivisions, municipalities, and tax-supported institutions pursuant to the Surplus Property Act of 1944, for use in the development, improvement, operation, or maintenance of a public airport or to provide sources of revenue from nonaviation businesses at a public airport (including property transferred for any such use pursuant to such act prior to July 30, 1947), and the Administrator is authorized to reform, correct, or amend any instrument of disposal by which such property was conveyed by the issuance of a corrective, reformatory, or amendatory instrument where such action is determined by him to be necessary to correct such instrument or to conform the transfer to the requirements of applicable law.

58 Stat. 765.  
50 U. S. C., app.  
§§ 1611-1646; Supp. II,  
§ 1612 *et seq.*  
*Ante*, p. 399; *supra*.

Correction, etc., of instrument of disposal.

Release from terms, etc., of disposal.

SEC. 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics is further authorized, without monetary consideration to the United States, to grant releases from any of the terms, conditions, reservations, and restrictions contained in, and to convey, quitclaim, or release any right or interest reserved to the United States by, any such instrument of disposal, if he determines that the property transferred by such instrument no longer serves the

purpose for which it was transferred, or that such release, conveyance, or quitclaim will not prevent accomplishment of the purpose for which the property was transferred and is necessary to protect or advance the interests of the United States in civil aviation: *Provided*, That any such release, conveyance, or quitclaim may be granted on, or made subject to, such terms and conditions as the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics deems necessary to protect or advance the interests of the United States in civil aviation: *And provided further*, That no release, conveyance, or quitclaim shall be executed by the Administrator pursuant to this section except upon the condition that, in the event that the property to which such release, conveyance, or quitclaim relates shall be sold to any third party within five years after the date of enactment of this Act, the proceeds of such sale shall be devoted exclusively to the development, improvement, operation, or maintenance of a public airport.

SEC. 5. Paragraph 4 of subsection 13 (g) of the Surplus Property Act of 1944, as amended, is repealed.

Approved October 1, 1949.

Protection of U. S. interests.

Sale of property.

61 Stat. 680.  
50 U. S. C., Supp.  
II, app. § 1622 (g) (4).  
*Ante*, p. 399.

[CHAPTER 593]

AN ACT

To authorize the carrying out of the provisions of article 7 of the treaty of February 3, 1944, between the United States and Mexico, regarding the joint development of hydroelectric power at Falcon Dam, on the Rio Grande, and for other purposes.

October 5, 1949  
[H. R. 5773]  
[Public Law 312]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That, in accordance with the provisions of understanding (a) of the Senate resolution of ratification of the treaty of February 3, 1944, between the United States and Mexico, the approval of the Congress is hereby given to the negotiation of an agreement, in accordance with the provisions of article 7 of said treaty, for the joint construction, operation, and maintenance on a self-liquidating basis for the United States share, by the two sections of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, of facilities for generating hydroelectric energy at the Falcon Dam on the Rio Grande being constructed by the said Commission under the provisions of article 5 of the said treaty.

Falcon Dam.  
Hydroelectric power.

59 Stat. 1263.

59 Stat. 1231.

59 Stat. 1228.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That funds heretofore appropriated to the Department of State under the heading "International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico" shall be available for expenditure for the purposes of this Act.

Appropriation authorized.

Availability of funds.

*Ante*, p. 451.

Approved October 5, 1949.

[CHAPTER 595]

AN ACT

To provide for the release of all the right, title, and interest of the United States in a certain portion of a tract of land conditionally granted by it to the county of Los Angeles.

October 5, 1949  
[H. R. 524]  
[Public Law 313]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Army is authorized and directed to convey, relinquish, and release to the county of Los Angeles, State of California, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a certain portion of

Los Angeles County,  
Calif.  
Conveyance.