

44 Stat. 647.
 43 U. S. C. § 423b.
 53 Stat. 1192.
 43 U. S. C. § 485g.
 43 U. S. C. §§ 424-424e.
 Sale of public lands.

accordance with the provisions of section 43 of the Act of May 25, 1926 (44 Stat. 636), as amended by the Act of April 23, 1930 (46 Stat. 249), and of section 8 of the Act of August 4, 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), is approved.

(b) The provisions of the Act of May 16, 1930 (46 Stat. 367), are hereby extended to authorize the sale of vacant public lands as reclassified and listed in the report on the reclassification approved by subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The Secretary is authorized to cancel, modify, or take such other action as he deems appropriate with respect to water-right applications now or hereafter executed and approved on the Uncompahgre project.

(d) All costs and expenses incurred by the United States in making the land reclassification, in negotiating and completing the said contract and in making all studies and investigations in connection therewith, are hereby made nonreimbursable.

YAKIMA PROJECT, WASHINGTON

SEC. 7. The contract dated January 20, 1949, with the Kittitas reclamation district.

Reclassification of lands.

(a) The Secretary's reclassification of the lands of the Kittitas Division, Yakima project, in the following classes: Paying classes (classes 1, 2, and 3), temporarily unproductive (class 5), and permanently unproductive (class 6), all as more fully described by the report entitled "Land Classification, 1944 (as amended in 1948)—Kittitas Division, Yakima Project", is approved.

(b) Subject to the limitations of the said contract as it may be hereafter amended, the Secretary is hereby authorized to make from time to time the following further classifications and reclassifications of the lands of the Kittitas Division on the basis of the classification standards outlined in the report referred to in (a) of this section:

- (1) To reclassify class 5 land as paying land or as class 6 land.
- (2) To classify lands not heretofore placed in any of the established classifications.

No classifications or reclassifications of any of the lands of the Kittitas Division by or under the authority of this Act shall be construed, however, as affecting or authorizing any reduction in the district's construction charge obligation as defined in the said contract.

Repeal.

(c) All except the first sentence of the paragraph under the subheading "Yakima project (Kittitas Division), Washington:", under the heading "Bureau of Reclamation", of the Act of March 3, 1925 (43 Stat. 1141, 1170), are hereby repealed.

53 Stat. 1187.
 43 U. S. C. § 485k.

SEC. 8. This Act is declared to be a part of the Federal reclamation laws as these are defined in the Reclamation Project Act of 1939.

Approved May 6, 1949.

[CHAPTER 94]

AN ACT

May 6, 1949
 [H. R. 1401]
 [Public Law 57]

Relating to the disposition of certain recreational demonstration project lands by the State of Michigan to the Mount Hope Cemetery Association of Waterloo, Michigan.

Mount Hope Cemetery Association, Waterloo, Mich.
 Conveyance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the disposition of recreational demonstration projects, and for other purposes", approved June 6, 1942 (56 Stat. 326; 16 U. S. C. sec. 459t), the State of Michigan is hereby authorized to convey the following-described

lands in Jackson County, Michigan, to the Mount Hope Cemetery Association of Waterloo, Michigan: Block 44, village of Waterloo, section 36, township 1 south, range 2 east, of the Michigan meridian. Any conditions providing for a reversion of title to the United States that may be contained in the conveyance of such lands by the United States to the State of Michigan are hereby released as to the lands herein authorized to be transferred.

Approved May 6, 1949.

[CHAPTER 95]

AN ACT

To establish the grade of General of the Air Force, and for other purposes.

May 7, 1949
[S. 796]
[Public Law 58]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established in the United States Air Force the grade of General of the Air Force.

General of the Air Force.

SEC. 2. The grade of any individual transferred in the grade of General of the Army from the Regular Army to the United States Air Force, pursuant to the National Security Act of 1947 (Act of July 26, 1947; 61 Stat. 695), is herewith redesignated "General of the Air Force".

61 Stat. 495.
5 U. S. C., Supp. II,
§ 171 note.
Ante, p. 30; *post*,
p. 578.
Status.

SEC. 3. Nothing herein shall be construed as appointing any individual to a new or different office or to alter or prejudice the status of any individual concerned so as to deprive him of any pay or allowances, rights, benefits, or privileges to which he may be entitled under existing law.

Approved May 7, 1949.

[CHAPTER 96]

AN ACT

To increase the fees of witnesses in the United States courts and before United States commissioners, and for other purposes.

May 10, 1949
[S. 635]
[Public Law 59]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1821 of title 28, United States Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Title 28, United States Code, amendment.
62 Stat. 950.
28 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 1821.
Post, p. 103.

"SEC. 1821. Per diem and mileage generally; subsistence. A witness attending in any court of the United States or before a United States commissioner or person taking his deposition pursuant to any order of a court of the United States, shall receive \$4 for each day's attendance and for the time necessarily occupied in going to and returning from the same, and 7 cents per mile for going from and returning to his place of residence. Witnesses who are not salaried employees of the Government and who are not in custody and who attend at points so far removed from their respective residence as to prohibit return thereto from day to day shall be entitled to an additional allowance of \$5 per day for expenses of subsistence including the time necessarily occupied in going to and returning from the place of attendance: *Provided*, That in lieu of the mileage allowance provided for herein, witnesses who are required to travel between the Territories, possessions, or to and from the continental United States, shall be entitled to the actual expenses of travel at the lowest first-class rate available at the time of reservation for passage, by means of transportation employed: *Provided further*, That this section shall not apply to Alaska."

Nonapplicability.

Approved May 10, 1949.