

authority of the Board of Parole with respect to the parole of United States prisoners not held to be committed youth offenders or juvenile delinquents.

SEC. 4. Chapter 401 of title 18 of the United States Code is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof immediately after section 5001 a new section as follows:

“SEC. 5002. Advisory Corrections Council.

“There is hereby created an Advisory Corrections Council, composed of one United States circuit judge and two United States district judges designated from time to time by the Chief Justice of the United States, of one member, who shall be Chairman, designated by the Attorney General, and, ex officio, of the Chairman of the Board of Parole, the Chairman of the Youth Division, the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, and the Chief of Probation of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. The Council shall hold stated meetings to consider problems of treatment and correction of all offenders against the United States and shall make such recommendations to the Congress, the President, the Judicial Conference of the United States, and other appropriate officials as may improve the administration of criminal justice and assure the coordination and integration of policies respecting the disposition, treatment, and correction of all persons convicted of offenses against the United States. It shall also consider measures to promote the prevention of crime and delinquency, suggest appropriate studies in this connection to be undertaken by agencies both public and private. The members of the Council shall serve without compensation but necessary travel and subsistence expenses as authorized by law shall be paid from available appropriations of the Department of Justice.”

SEC. 5. (a) The analysis of part IV of title 18 of the United States Code, immediately preceding chapter 401 of that title, is amended by inserting immediately after and underneath item “401. General Provisions \* \* \* 5001”, a new item to read as follows: “402. Federal Youth Corrections Act \* \* \* 5005”.

(b) The analysis of chapter 401 of said title 18 of the United States Code, is amended by inserting immediately after and underneath item “Sec. 5001. Surrender to State authorities; expenses”, a new item “Sec. 5002. Advisory Corrections Council”.

Approved September 30, 1950.

[CHAPTER 1116]

AN ACT

To amend the War Claims Act of 1948, as amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 6 of the War Claims Act of 1948 (Public Law 896, Eightieth Congress; 62 Stat. 1240), as amended, be amended by striking therefrom part 4 of subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof: “(4) Parents (in equal shares) if there is no widow, dependent husband, or child.”

Approved September 30, 1950.

[CHAPTER 1117]

AN ACT

To promote the development of improved transport aircraft by providing for the operation, testing, and modification thereof.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That it is hereby

62 Stat. 857.  
18 U. S. C., Sup. III,  
5001.

62 Stat. 856.  
18 U. S. C., Sup. III,  
analysis prec. ch. 401.

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[S. 3000]  
[Public Law 866]

62 Stat. 1244.  
50 U. S. C., Sup. III,  
app. § 2005 (c) (4).

September 30, 1950  
[S. 3504]  
[Public Law 867]

declared to be the policy of Congress to promote, in the interest of safety, the national air-transportation system and the national defense, the development of improved transport aircraft, particularly turbine-powered aircraft, aircraft especially adapted to the economical transportation of cargo, and aircraft suitable for feeder-line operation, by providing for temporary Government assistance in the testing and minor experimental modification of such aircraft, and in the operation of available turbine-powered aircraft in simulated transport service to secure data to aid in the development and manufacture of turbine-powered transport aircraft, and to aid in the adaptation of civil airways, civil airports, and air-safety regulations applicable to civil aircraft to the operation of such aircraft.

SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as the Secretary) is authorized to carry out the purposes of this Act by—

Authority of Secretary of Commerce.

(1) preparing broad operating and general utility characteristics and specifications for all types of such aircraft which he finds are required in the public interest, and which represent potential advances over existing aircraft;

(2) providing for the operation, by contract or otherwise, of available aircraft with turbine-jet or turbine-prop power units under conditions simulating, to the extent practicable, the conditions under which scheduled air transport aircraft operate;

(3) providing, by contract or otherwise, for the testing of such aircraft which, in his opinion, best meet the operating and utility characteristics and specifications established by him in accordance with this section; and

(4) providing for such minor experimental modifications of such aircraft during the testing period which he believes necessary to carry out the testing program in the interests of safety or economy of operation.

(b) In carrying out his functions under this section, the Secretary shall consult, from time to time, with interested Government agencies, including the Department of Defense, the Civil Aeronautics Board, and the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, and with representatives of labor groups and of the respective segments of the aviation manufacturing industries and of the air transport industry.

Consultation.

SEC. 3. (a) The Secretary is authorized, subject to the civil-service laws and the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, but without regard to any provision of law limiting the number of personnel which may be employed by the Civil Aeronautics Administration, to employ and fix the compensation of such personnel as may be deemed necessary to assist the Secretary in carrying out his functions under this Act: *Provided*, That to the extent practicable consistent with other duties and assignments, the personnel and facilities of existing Government agencies shall be used to carry out the responsibilities stated in this Act.

Personnel.

63 Stat. 954.  
5 U. S. C., Sup. III,  
§ 1071 note.  
*Ante*, pp. 232, 262;  
*post*, p. 1100.

(b) The Secretary, in carrying out the provisions of section 2 of this Act, may enter into contracts or other arrangements, or modifications thereof, with or without legal considerations, performance or other bonds, or competitive bidding, and, in carrying out such contracts, arrangements, or modifications thereof, may make advance, progress, and other payments without regard to the provisions of section 3648 of the Revised Statutes.

Contracts.

SEC. 4. As used in this Act—

(a) The term "aircraft" shall include engines, airframes, propellers, rotors, instruments, accessories, and equipment for such aircraft.

(b) The term "testing" means the operation of an aircraft incident to the procurement of a type certificate for such aircraft, and the operation of an aircraft, whether type certificated or not, in actual

31 U. S. C. § 529.  
Definitions.

or simulated transport service for the purpose of determining the operating and utility characteristics of such aircraft.

(c) The term "minor experimental modifications" means any adjustment or change necessary and incident to carrying out the testing program in the interest of safety or economy of operation but does not include any major factory modification.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 5. The Secretary shall submit annually to the Congress a report on the progress made in the accomplishment of the purposes of this Act, and the amounts of the expenditures made or obligated pursuant thereto, together with such recommendations as to additional legislation relating thereto as he may deem necessary.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 6. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Commerce not to exceed \$12,500,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. When so provided in the appropriation act concerned, such appropriations may remain available until expended.

Effective date.

SEC. 7. This Act shall become effective upon enactment, and shall expire five years thereafter.

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[CHAPTER 1118]

AN ACT

Authorizing the transfer of Fort Des Moines, Iowa, to the State of Iowa.

September 30, 1950  
[H. R. 4569]  
[Public Law 868]

Fort Des Moines,  
Iowa.  
Conveyance.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the officers of the United States having jurisdiction over the following-described lands situated in Polk County, Iowa, and known as Fort Des Moines, Iowa, are authorized to convey by quitclaim deed without consideration save as contained in this Act all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to such lands, together with all improvements thereon, to the State of Iowa: *Provided,* That if conveyance hereunder is made to the State of Iowa, the instrument of conveyance shall provide that said State shall not alienate title to said property or any part thereof, but shall keep it intact and use it for public purposes, and that if the United States needs the property for military purposes, it shall revert to the United States with payment to the State of the reasonable value at that time for any improvements thereon made by the State:

The west half of section 34 and the east half of section 33, all in township 78 north, range 24 west, fifth principal meridian, subject to the continued use by the city of Des Moines, without payment to the State of Iowa of ground or other rental therefor, of the improvements and necessary land presently used for veterans' temporary housing projects Iowa-V-13140, V-13077, and VN-13115, for so long as they may be needed for veterans' temporary housing purposes pursuant to Public Law 849, Seventy-sixth Congress, as amended, and the contracts between the city of Des Moines and the United States, it being understood that the rights and obligations of the United States and the city of Des Moines under said contracts shall not be in any way affected by such transfer except that the projects shall not thereafter be subject to the removal requirements of section 313 of Public Law 849, Seventy-sixth Congress, as amended, or the contractual obligations of the city of Des Moines for their removal, and subject to the provisions of sections 2 and 3 hereof.

SEC. 2. The United States reserves the right to use, without cost therefor, buildings numbered 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 76, 78, 80, and 86, situate on the aforesaid land, so long as they shall be required for military purposes.

54 Stat. 1125.  
42 U. S. C. §§ 1521-  
1574; Sup. III, § 1521  
*et seq.*  
*Ante*, pp. 59, 72, 73.