

SEC. 3. The purchaser shall assume all responsibility for damage due to contaminations or other military activities and shall not hold the Government of the United States liable for damages of any description.

SEC. 4. No select base material shall be removed subsequent to December 31, 1955.

SEC. 5. Any contract that may be entered into for the sale of select base material under the authority of this bill shall be revocable at will by the Secretary of the Army.

SEC. 6. The purchaser, as excavation in any area is completed, shall be required to level, drain, and fertilize that area to the satisfaction of the commanding general, Fort Benning, and, upon the completion of such leveling, draining, and fertilizing, to plant kudzu crowns on such area at the rate of five hundred to the acre.

SEC. 7. The boundaries of the area lying immediately south of the Macon Highway and west of Randall Creek, from which area select base material may be removed, shall be designated by the commanding general, Fort Benning, or by his duly appointed representative.

SEC. 8. The proceeds from the sale of select base material shall be covered into the general funds of the United States Treasury.

Approved May 2, 1950.

Revocability of contracts.

Leveling, etc., after excavation.

Boundaries.

Proceeds from sale.

[CHAPTER 150]

AN ACT

To authorize the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia to establish daylight saving time in the District.

May 2, 1950
[H. R. 6354]
[Public Law 497]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia is authorized to advance the standard time applicable to the District one hour for the period commencing not earlier than the last Sunday of April 1950 and ending not later than the last Sunday of September 1950. Any such time established by the Commissioners under the authority of this Act shall, during the period of the year for which it is applicable, be the standard time for the District of Columbia.

Daylight saving time, D. C.

Approved May 2, 1950.

[CHAPTER 151]

AN ACT

To amend title VIII of the National Housing Act, as amended, to encourage construction of rental housing on or in areas adjacent to Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force installations, and for other purposes.

May 2, 1950
[H. R. 7846]
[Public Law 498]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title VIII of the National Housing Act, as amended, is hereby amended by adding the following new section at the end thereof:

National Housing Act, amendment.
63 Stat. 571.
12 U. S. C., Sup. III, §§ 1748-1748g.
Services of architects, engineers, etc.

“SEC. 809. Whenever the Secretary of the Army, Navy, or Air Force, or his duly designated representative, determines that it is desirable in order to effectuate the purposes of this title, the Secretary is authorized, without regard to the civil service and classification laws, to procure, by negotiation or otherwise, the services of architects and engineers, or organizations thereof, under such arrangements as he deems desirable, but at an expense not in excess of that permissible under the schedule of fees allowed from time to time by the Public Housing Administration in connection with projects assisted under the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended. Such services may include the development of plans, drawings, and specifications

50 Stat. 888.
42 U. S. C. §§ 1401-1417, 1419-1430; Sup. III, § 1401 *et seq.*
Ante, p. 73.

Use of alternate materials, etc.

Sites.

Obligation of appropriations.

for rental housing under this title and other services in connection therewith: *Provided*, That such plans, drawings, and specifications may include the use on any project to be constructed under this title of alternate materials or alternate types of construction, including prefabrication, that provide substantially equal value and conform to standards established by the Federal Housing Administration: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may designate certain sites or parts thereof for rental housing to be furnished from prefabricated houses or housing components. Such arrangements may include provision for advance or progress payments, for payment by third parties, for payment by the Government of any such compensation as is not paid for by third parties, and shall include provision for reimbursement by third parties to the Government of any compensation or other expenses paid by the Government pursuant to this section, and may include other provisions for compensation. The Secretary is further authorized to advance or pay to the Federal Housing Administration its 'Appraisal and Eligibility Statement' fees in connection with such rental housing. The Secretary is further authorized to procure options from private parties for the acquisition by third parties of off-installation sites intended for such rental housing. The Secretary is further authorized to enter into arrangements by contract or otherwise for eventual acquisition by the Government, without cost to the Government, of all right, title, and interest in sites on which housing is constructed pursuant to this title and improvements thereon. Any public-works appropriations now or hereafter available to the Departments of the Army, Navy, or Air Force may be obligated by the respective departments for these purposes. Reimbursements to the Government on account of payments made pursuant to this section shall be made to appropriations against which such payments were charged."

Approved May 2, 1950.

[CHAPTER 152]

AN ACT

To provide for the liquidation of the trusts under the transfer agreements with State rural rehabilitation corporations, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Rural Rehabilitation Corporation Trust Liquidation Act".

SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") is hereby authorized and directed to take such action as may be appropriate and necessary to liquidate, as expeditiously as possible but within three years from the effective date of this Act, trusts under the transfer agreements with the several State rural rehabilitation corporations, and is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate with responsible officials to that end.

(b) The Secretary, insofar as is necessary to protect the interests of the United States and the corporations shall proceed forthwith to the conversion to cash of investments constituting the trust assets by sale of real and personal properties, and by collection of loans and accounts receivable according to the tenor of such obligations.

(c) An application for the return of such properties may be made to the Secretary by the State rural rehabilitation corporation pursuant to appropriate resolution of its board of directors. The application shall contain a covenant, binding upon the applicant when accepted by the Secretary on behalf of the United States, that the applicant will abide by the determinations and apportionments of the Secretary provided for in this Act and the payments made by

May 3, 1950
[S. 930]
[Public Law 499]

Rural Rehabilitation Corporation Trust Liquidation Act.

Authority of Secretary of Agriculture.

Conversion of assets.

Applications for return of properties.