

[CHAPTER 644]

AN ACT

To authorize the elimination of lands from the Flathead Indian irrigation project, Montana.

August 8, 1950
[H. R. 2196]
[Public Law 671]

Flathead Indian ir-
rigation project.
Elimination of des-
ignated land.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to eliminate from the Flathead Indian irrigation project, on application by the owner thereof, twelve acres, more or less, of land in the northwest quarter of northwest quarter of section 6, township 21 north, range 23 west, of the Montana meridian: *Provided*, That the landowner shall pay all accrued irrigation charges heretofore assessed against the land and relinquish the water right to the United States for the benefit of the Flathead irrigation project, and no further charges shall be assessed against the land: *Provided further*, That the obligations of the Flathead irrigation district for the repayment of the reimbursable construction costs of the Camas division of the Flathead Indian irrigation project shall not be reduced or otherwise affected by reason of the elimination of the land, and such elimination shall not be made until the Board of Commissioners of that district has consented thereto: *And provided further*, That, notwithstanding the elimination of said land from the Flathead irrigation project, there shall be reserved to the United States a right-of-way for ditches and canals now or hereafter needed for the operation and maintenance of the project works, and the owner of said land shall release the United States and its assigns from all liability for damage to said land by reason of the operations of the project.

Approved August 8, 1950.

[CHAPTER 645]

AN ACT

To promote the national defense by authorizing specifically certain functions of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics necessary to the effective prosecution of aeronautical research, and for other purposes.

August 8, 1950
[H. R. 5074]
[Public Law 672]

National Advisory
Committee for Aero-
nautics.
Authorization of des-
ignated functions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics is hereby authorized—

- (a) to equip, maintain, and operate offices, laboratories, and research stations under its direction;
- (b) to acquire additional land for, undertake additional construction at, and purchase and install additional equipment for, existing laboratories and research stations under its direction; and
- (c) to purchase and maintain cafeteria equipment.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Defense or any other governmental agency or any component thereof is authorized to transfer supplies, equipment, aircraft, and aircraft parts to the Committee without reimbursement: *Provided*, That such transfers shall be reported by the Committee to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget in accordance with regulations prescribed by him: *Provided further*, That this section shall not be construed as authorizing the transfer of administrative supplies or equipment: *And provided further*, That this section shall not be construed as prohibiting the loan of items of any sort to the Committee.

SEC. 3. Statutory provisions prohibiting the payment of compensation to aliens shall not apply to any persons whose employment is determined by the Committee to be necessary: *Provided*, That no

Transfer to Com-
mittee of supplies, etc.

Compensation to
aliens.

such alien shall be employed until he has been cleared for such appointment as a result of an appropriate security investigation as determined by the Director of the Committee.

SEC. 4. Section 1, paragraph (b), subparagraph (3), of the Act entitled "An Act to promote the national defense by increasing the membership of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, and for other purposes", approved May 25, 1948, is hereby amended by striking out the words "Flight Propulsion Research Laboratory" and by substituting in lieu thereof the words "Lewis Flight Propulsion Laboratory".

62 Stat. 266.
50 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§ 151 (b) (3).

SEC. 5. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums of money as may be necessary for the purposes of section 1 (b) of this Act, but not to exceed \$16,500,000.

Appropriation au-
thorized.

SEC. 6. Appropriations made to carry out the purposes of this Act shall be available for expenses incident to construction, including administrative overhead, planning and surveys, and shall be available until expended when specifically provided in the appropriation Act.

SEC. 7. Any projects authorized herein may be prosecuted under direct appropriations or authority to enter into contracts in lieu of such appropriation.

Approved August 8, 1950.

[CHAPTER 646]

AN ACT

To authorize the President to provide for the performance of certain functions of the President by other officers of the Government, and for other purposes.

August 8, 1950
[H. R. 5526]
[Public Law 673]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized to designate and empower the head of any department or agency in the executive branch, or any official thereof who is required to be appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to perform without approval, ratification, or other action by the President (1) any function which is vested in the President by law, or (2) any function which such officer is required or authorized by law to perform only with or subject to the approval, ratification, or other action of the President: *Provided*, That nothing contained herein shall relieve the President of his responsibility in office for the acts of any such head or other official designated by him to perform such functions. Such designation and authorization shall be in writing, shall be published in the Federal Register, shall be subject to such terms, conditions, and limitations as the President may deem advisable, and shall be revocable at any time by the President in whole or in part.

President of the
United States.
Performance of cer-
tain functions by
other officials.

SEC. 2. The authority conferred by this Act shall apply to any function vested in the President by law if such law does not affirmatively prohibit delegation of the performance of such function as herein provided for, or specifically designate the officer or officers to whom it may be delegated. This Act shall not be deemed to limit or derogate from any existing or inherent right of the President to delegate the performance of functions vested in him by law, and nothing herein shall be deemed to require express authorization in any case in which such an official would be presumed in law to have acted by authority or direction of the President.

Applicability of au-
thority.

SEC. 3. As used in this Act, the term "function" embraces any duty, power, responsibility, authority, or discretion vested in the President or other officer concerned, and the terms "perform" and "performance" may be construed to mean "exercise".

"Function"; "per-
form"; "performance."

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