

Assistants by detail.

All unexpended balances available for new office.

Laws not affected.
Vol. 40, p. 1269.

Ante, p. 175.

There may be detailed to assist the director not to exceed two qualified officers of the United States Army not above the rank of major.

SEC. 5. All unexpended balances of appropriations made for either of the activities hereby consolidated shall be available for expenditure by the office hereby established to the same extent and under the same conditions as such appropriations are available for the offices hereby consolidated.

SEC. 6. Nothing contained in this Act shall be held to modify existing law with respect to the assignment of space in the public buildings in the District of Columbia by the Public Buildings Commission or to modify sections 4 to 10, inclusive, of the Act approved May 27, 1924, relating to the United States park police, except as provided in section 3 of this Act.

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[S. 2287.]

[Public, No. 479.]

CHAP. 340.—An Act To permit the Secretary of War to dispose of and the Port of New York Authority to acquire the Hoboken Manufacturers' Railroad.

Hoboken Manufacturers' Railroad Company.

Stock of, may be sold to Port of New York Authority.

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Bonds in lieu of cash acceptable.

Operation to continue.

Provisos.
Jurisdiction of Interstate Commerce Commission.

Use by Government in emergency.

Coordination with Government piers, etc., to facilitate freight carriage.

Sale to other purchaser if terms, etc., not agreed upon.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized, for such sum and on such terms and conditions as he may deem best, to sell to and dispose of, and the Port of New York Authority is authorized to acquire from the Secretary of War, the stock of the Hoboken Manufacturers' Railroad Company, said corporation being the lessee of the line known as the Hoboken Shore Road now constituting part of Belt Line Numbered 13 in the comprehensive plan for the development of the port of New York, adopted by the States of New York and New Jersey under chapter 43, Laws of New York, 1922, and chapter 9, Laws of New Jersey, 1922, and ratified and confirmed by the Congress of the United States by Public Resolution 66, Sixty-seventh Congress; and the Secretary is authorized and empowered to take and accept in lieu of cash the bonds of the said Port of New York Authority, secured by such lien as the Secretary in his discretion may determine is proper and sufficient; and upon such acquisition the said railroad shall continue to be operated in intrastate, interstate, and foreign commerce and in accordance with the provisions of the said comprehensive plan for the development of the port and the improvement of commerce and navigation: *Provided*, That the operation of said railroad in intrastate, interstate, and foreign commerce shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the same manner and to the same extent as would be the case if this Act had not been passed: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall attach such conditions to such transfer as shall insure the use of such railroad facility by the United States in the event of war or other national emergency: *Provided further*, That in order to facilitate the interchange of freight between rail and water facilities, such railroad, if acquired by the Port of New York Authority hereunder shall be operated in coordination with the piers and docks adjacent thereto so long as said piers and docks are owned and operated by the United States Government or by any agency thereof, or by any corporation a majority of whose stock is owned by the United States: *Provided further*, That if the Port of New York Authority fails to agree upon terms and conditions of sale which are considered satisfactory by the Secretary of War, he is hereby authorized to sell and dispose of the stock of the Hoboken Manufacturers' Railroad Company or all or any part of the real and personal property of the Hoboken Manufacturers'

Railroad Company to any purchaser or purchasers upon such terms and conditions as he may deem best subject, nevertheless, to the provisos herein above stated: *Provided further*, That if the Secretary of War shall deem it to be in the public interest that any real or personal property owned by the said Hoboken Manufacturers' Railroad Company not connected with the railroad itself should be separately disposed of or held for later disposition, he is hereby authorized to cause such property to be transferred from the said Hoboken Manufacturers' Railroad Company to the United States, and thereafter to sell the same upon such terms as he deems best, or if more expedient, he is hereby authorized to form a corporation to acquire such property, and is authorized to cause such property, or any part thereof, to be transferred from the said Hoboken Manufacturers' Railroad Company to such new corporations so organized and to accept in place thereof the stock of such new corporation, and to hold the same until such time as he secures what he shall deem to be a fair and reasonable price for such property, at which time he is authorized to sell said property in whole or in part or the stock in the said new corporation to which such property is transferred on such terms and conditions as in his judgment will best promote the public interest, and the Secretary of War is further authorized to make and impose any terms, conditions, or reservations necessary to effectuate the purpose hereof, and to enter into such contracts as will effectuate the same: *And provided further*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed as relieving or exempting the property acquired hereunder by the Port of New York Authority from any municipal taxes or assessments for public improvements, and nothing herein contained shall be construed as an expression on the part of the Congress as to whether the States of New York and New Jersey, or either of them, should relieve or exempt the said Port of New York Authority from taxation or subject the said port of New York or any of said property to taxation.

Disposal of other than railroad property.

Holding corporation authorized.

Sale, etc.

Terms.

No exemption from municipal or State taxes.

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CHAP. 341.—An Act To authorize the sale of lands in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

February 26, 1925.
[H. R. 2720.]
[Public, No. 480.]

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized to sell after due advertisement at competitive sale, with the right reserved to reject any and all bids, at not less than its appraised value as fixed by three disinterested landowners to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior and at a sum not less than its original cost to the United States, and convey by his deed as such Secretary that certain parcel of land belonging to the United States situate in the fourteenth ward of the city of Pittsburgh, county of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, and particularly described as follows:

Pittsburgh, Pa.
Sale of tract of Government land in.

Description.

Beginning at a stone monument on the line of land of the United States and land of the National Tube Company, being south two degrees twenty-three minutes fifteen seconds east, a distance of ninety-one feet from Forbes Street and the northeast corner of the said property of the United States; thence south two degrees twenty-three minutes fifteen seconds east fifty-eight and eighty-nine one-hundredths feet to a stone monument, being a corner common to land of the United States and the tract now being described; thence north eighty-seven degrees thirty-six minutes forty-five seconds east sixty-six and seventy-one one-hundredths feet to a point on the line of land of the United States and land of the National Tube