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CHAP. 354.—An Act To authorize the exchange of certain land between the United States and the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Exchange of portion
of Naval Observatory
grounds for portion of
Industrial Home
School site.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and empowered to convey to the District of Columbia, free from all encumbrances and without cost to the District of Columbia, all right, title, and interest of the United States of America to that portion of the Naval Observatory grounds, with the improvements thereon, lying outside of Naval Observatory Circle and east of Massachusetts Avenue Northwest, Washington, District of Columbia, containing fourteen and four hundred and forty-nine one-thousandths acres, more or less, and also that other portion lying outside of and adjoining said Naval Observatory Circle on the south, containing one and seven hundred and six one-thousandths acres, more or less, in consideration of which the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized and empowered to convey to the United States of America, free from all encumbrances and without cost to the United States of America, all right, title, and interest of the District of Columbia to that portion of the Industrial Home School site, with the improvements thereon, lying within said Naval Observatory Circle, containing approximately six and seventy-six one-hundredths acres: *Provided*, That the said board of commissioners are further authorized and empowered on behalf of the District of Columbia to utilize or sell, as they see fit, all of that remaining portion of the said Industrial Home School site with the improvements thereon lying outside of the said Observatory (one-thousand-foot radius) Circle, and also all of the land and improvements thereon east of Massachusetts Avenue and south of said Naval Observatory Circle, hereunder authorized to be acquired from the United States of America: *Provided further*, That if utilized the land shall be used for school, playground, or highway purposes or transferred to the Director of Public Buildings and Parks to become part of the park system of the District of Columbia: *Provided further*, That all of the proceeds from the sale of the aforesaid Industrial Home School property and one-half of the proceeds from the sale of any of said lands mentioned as lying east of Massachusetts Avenue and south of said Naval Observatory Circle shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the District of Columbia and are made available for the purchase of a site and the erection thereon of suitable buildings for a new Industrial Home School: *Provided further*, That the remaining half of the proceeds from the sale of any of said land lying east of Massachusetts Avenue and south of said Naval Observatory Circle shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Naval Observatory, and is made available, under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, for improving the property within said Naval Observatory Circle: *And provided further*, That the said Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall be permitted to continue to use all of the Industrial Home School property herein mentioned until such time as it may have acquired another site and constructed suitable buildings thereon in which to house the inmates of said Industrial Home School.

Provisos.
Sale, etc., of remainder
of Industrial Home
site, and the acquired
observatory lands.

Use of land if not
sold.

Proceeds from sale
of school property and
half of Observatory
lands, deposited to
credit of District.

Available for site
and new Industrial
Home School.

Remainder of pro-
ceeds of sale of Obser-
vatory lands, for im-
proving property.

Use of school pro-
perty until new site
acquired, etc.

Authority to execute
conveyances, etc.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Navy, on behalf of the United States, and the board of commissioners, on behalf of the District of Columbia, are hereby authorized to execute and deliver all instruments necessary to accomplish the aforesaid purposes.

Approved, March 3, 1927.