

Lake Superior iron ore, notwithstanding the provisions of section 27 of the Act of Congress approved June 5, 1920 (41 Stat. 999), as amended by Act of Congress approved April 11, 1935 (49 Stat. 154), and by Act of Congress approved July 2, 1935 (49 Stat. 442), or the provisions of any other Act of Congress or regulation, vessels of Canadian registry shall be permitted to transport iron ore between United States ports on the Great Lakes during the year 1948 or until such date prior to the end of said year as the Congress by concurrent resolution or the President by proclamation may designate.

Approved March 24, 1948.

46 U. S. C. § 883;  
Supp. I, § 883 note.

[CHAPTER 146]

AN ACT

To provide for the establishment and operation of a research laboratory in the North Dakota lignite-consuming region for investigation of the mining, preparation, and utilization of lignite, for the development of new uses and markets, for improvement of health and safety in mining; and for a comprehensive study of the possibilities for increased utilization of the lignite resources of the region to aid in the solution of its economic problems and to make its natural and human resources of maximum usefulness in the reconversion period and time of peace.

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[H. R. 2453]  
[Public Law 464]

*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, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, is authorized and directed to establish, equip, and maintain a research laboratory in the lignite-consuming region of North Dakota to conduct researches and investigations on the mining, preparation, and utilization of lignite coal and to develop new scientific, chemical, and technical uses and new and extended markets and outlets for lignite coal and its products. Such laboratory shall be planned as a center for information and assistance in matters pertaining to conserving lignite coal resources for national defense and security; to the more efficient mining, preparation, and utilization of lignite coal; and pertaining to safety, health, and sanitation in mining operations and other matters relating to problems of the lignite industry.

Lignite coal research  
laboratory, N. Dak.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of this Act the Secretary, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, is authorized to acquire land and interests therein, and to accept in the name of the United States donations of any property, real or personal, and to utilize voluntary or uncompensated services at such laboratory. The Secretary is authorized and directed to cooperate with other departments or agencies of the Federal Government, States, and State agencies and institutions, counties, municipalities, business or other organizations, corporations, associations, universities, scientific societies, and individuals, upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe.

Acquisition of land.

Cooperation with  
other agencies.

SEC. 3. The Secretary, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, shall make a report to Congress at the beginning of each regular session of the activities of, expenditures by, and donations to, the laboratory established under this Act.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, may, in his discretion, create and establish an advisory committee composed of not more than six members to exercise consultative functions, when required by the Secretary, in connection with the administration of this Act. The said committee shall be composed of representatives of lignite coal-mine owners, of representatives of lignite coal-mine workers and the public in equal number. The members of said committee shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior without regard to the civil-service laws.

Advisory committee.

SEC. 5. In order to carry out the purposes of this Act there is hereby

Appropriation authorized.

authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of (a) \$750,000 for the erection and equipment of a building or buildings, including plumbing, lighting, heating, general service, and experimental equipment and apparatus, the necessary roads, walks, and ground improvement, and land for the site of the building if no land is donated; and (b) \$250,000 annually for the maintenance and operation of the experimental station, including personal services, supplies, equipment, and expenses of travel and subsistence.

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[CHAPTER 147]

AN ACT

To provide for the acquisition of a site for a new Federal Building in Huntington, West Virginia, adjoining existing Federal buildings there, as an economy measure, before land values have increased as a result of improvements.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Federal Works Administrator is authorized and directed to acquire, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, a plot of land approximately two hundred feet long and approximately ninety feet wide, together with all improvements thereon, situated at the southeast corner of Fifth Avenue and Eighth Street in the city of Huntington, West Virginia, for use as a site for the erection of a new Federal building. Such plot of land is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point where the south line of Fifth Avenue intersects with the east line of Eighth Street; thence along the line of Eighth Street approximately two hundred feet to an alley; thence in an easterly direction and with the north line of said alley to a point; thence in a northerly direction and parallel with the line of Eighth Street approximately two hundred feet to a point in the south line of Fifth Avenue; thence in a westerly direction and with the south line of Fifth Avenue approximately ninety feet to the place of beginning.

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[CHAPTER 148]

AN ACT

To authorize the purchase of a new post-office site at Omaha, Nebraska.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Federal Works Administrator is authorized and directed to acquire by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, a suitable site in Omaha, Nebraska, for the purpose of erecting thereon a building for the use and accommodation of the United States post office at Omaha.

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[CHAPTER 149]

AN ACT

To provide for the acquisition of a site and preparation of plans and specifications for a new postal building and for remodeling of the existing main post-office building in Portland, Oregon, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Federal Works Administrator is authorized and directed to acquire by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, a suitable site in Portland, Oregon, and to prepare or cause to be prepared plans and specifications for a

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[H. R. 3506]  
[Public Law 455]

Huntington, W. Va.  
Site for Federal  
building.  
*Post*, p. 1033.

March 25, 1948  
[H. R. 4836]  
[Public Law 456]

Omaha, Nebr.  
Post-office site.  
*Post*, p. 1033.

March 25, 1948  
[H. R. 4967]  
[Public Law 457]

Portland, Oreg.  
Site and plans for  
postal building.  
*Post*, p. 1033.