

Street Northeast, between Maryland Avenue Northeast and East Capitol Street; to the line of the face of the south curb of Maryland Avenue Northeast, between First Street Northeast and Second Street Northeast; to the line of the face of the west curb of Second Street Northeast, between Maryland Avenue Northeast and East Capitol Street; and to the line of the face of the north curb of East Capitol Street between First Street Northeast and Second Street Northeast.

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[CHAPTER 483]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing Federal participation in the International Exposition for the Bicentennial of the Founding of Port-au-Prince, Republic of Haiti, 1949.

Whereas there is to be held in the city of Port-au-Prince, capital of Haiti, during the years 1949 and 1950, a world fair commemorating the bicentennial of the founding of Port-au-Prince; and

Whereas the United States has been formally invited by the Republic of Haiti to participate in this exposition; and

Whereas the Republic of Haiti and the city of Port-au-Prince have provided a site and permanent public improvements at an estimated cost of \$4,000,000; and

Whereas such international exposition and celebration are worthy and deserving of the support and encouragement of the United States; and the United States has aided and supported such expositions in the past: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is hereby authorized, in his discretion and upon the recommendation of the Secretary of State, to appoint or designate a commissioner, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to represent the United States in connection with participation in the Port-au-Prince Bicentennial Exposition who shall serve for such period prior to such exposition as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this joint resolution, for the duration of such exposition, and for not more than six months after the official closing thereof. The Secretary of State may delegate to the commissioner any authority conferred upon him by this joint resolution, and the commissioner shall be responsible to the Secretary of State in carrying out his duties. The commissioner shall receive compensation at a rate not to exceed \$12,000 per annum while serving in this capacity, except that any official of the Government designated as commissioner shall serve without additional compensation.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of State is authorized—

(a) to designate as deputy commissioner a Government official, who shall serve without additional compensation and whose duties shall be prescribed by the commissioner;

(b) to secure, either by direct hire or by detail from Government agencies with the consent of the heads of such agencies, such other staff as may be necessary to assist the commissioner;

(c) to erect on land which shall be conveyed in full ownership of the United States of America by the Haitian Government such a building or such a group of buildings as he may deem adequate for effective participation by the United States in the exposition: *Provided*, That, after the close of the exposition, such land and building or group of buildings shall be utilized or disposed of in accordance with the Foreign Service Buildings Act of 1926, as amended;

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Port-au-Prince Bi-centennial Exposition, Haiti.
Appointment of commissioner.

Delegation of authority.

Compensation.

Deputy commissioner.

Erection of building.

Disposition of building.

44 Stat. 403.
22 U. S. C. §§ 232-300.

(d) to contract with the Port-au-Prince Exposition authorities or with any other person or persons for the design and erection of such building or group of buildings;

(e) to maintain such building or group of buildings and the site thereof and to arrange and maintain exhibits and assign space therein and thereon; and

(f) to accept from any source and to use for the purposes designated—

(1) contributions in money to aid in carrying out the purposes of this joint resolution, which contributions shall be placed in a special-deposit account and any unused portions thereof returned to the donors upon the close of the exposition or upon the cessation of United States participation therein; and

(2) contributions of material or aid in the preparation of the exhibits.

Exhibits.

Contributions.

SEC. 3. The head of any establishment, department, or agency of the Government is authorized, on request, to assist the Department of State or the commissioner in carrying out the functions authorized by this joint resolution, including the furnishing of personnel, the procurement, installation, and display of exhibits, and the loan to the exposition authorities of articles, specimens, and exhibits for display.

Assistance from Government agencies.

SEC. 4. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of State, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$170,000 to remain available until expended for the purposes of this joint resolution including: The salaries, allowances, and expenses of the commissioner and such staff as may be required; personal services in the District of Columbia or elsewhere; without regard to civil-service laws and the Classification Act of 1923, as amended; employment of aliens; transportation of things; travel expenses without regard to the standardized government travel regulations, as amended, and the Travel Expense Act of 1949; payment of rentals in advance; services as authorized by section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U. S. C. 55a); printing and binding without regard to section 11 of the Act of March 1, 1919 (44 U. S. C. 111); official cards; entertainment; purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles; stenographic reporting and other services by contract or otherwise; rental of offices and quarters by contract or otherwise without regard to the provisions of section 322 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (40 U. S. C. 278a); ice and drinking water; insurance on exhibits; such expenditures as may be necessary for the purpose of obtaining, preparing, maintaining, and disposing of exhibit materials; for the construction of a building or group of buildings and the payment of any expenses incurred in connection with the employment of architects and engineers in connection therewith, including payment of their necessary travel expenses, and for the maintenance of such building or group of buildings and their site and grounds; and such other expenses as may be deemed necessary by the Secretary of State to carry out the purposes of this joint resolution; all without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (41 U. S. C. 5). Funds authorized to be appropriated herein may be transferred to any executive department or independent office or establishment of the Government with the consent of the heads thereof, for direct expenditure for any purposes of this joint resolution which the Secretary of State may specify.

Appropriation authorized.
Post, p. 877.42 Stat. 1488.
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674; Supp. II, § 662 *et seq.*
Post, p. 972.
Ante, p. 166.60 Stat. 810.
40 Stat. 1270.
Ante, p. 405.

47 Stat. 412.

Ante, p. 403.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of State shall transmit to the Congress within six months after the close of the exposition a detailed statement of all expenditures together with such other reports as he may deem proper,

Audit of accounts. which reports shall be prepared and arranged with a view to concise statement and convenient reference: *Provided*, That this provision shall not be construed to waive the submission of all accounts and vouchers to the General Accounting Office for audit or to permit any obligations to be incurred in excess of the amount authorized to be appropriated herein.

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[CHAPTER 484]

AN ACT

August 19, 1949
[H. R. 5188]

[Public Law 252]

To provide for the preparation of a plan for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the building of the Soo Locks.

Soo Locks Cen-
tennial Celebration
Commission.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby created a commission to be known as the Soo Locks Centennial Celebration Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") and to be composed of nine Commissioners to be appointed by the President. The Commissioners shall serve without compensation and shall select a Chairman from among their number.

Compensation.

SEC. 2. (a) It shall be the duty of the Commission to prepare a comprehensive plan for the celebration in the year 1955 of the one hundredth anniversary of the building of the Soo Locks.

Report to President.

(b) The Commission shall make a report of its progress to the President at least twice a year, and shall submit to the President prior to the beginning of the celebration a final report setting forth the plan prepared pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and containing such recommendations for carrying out such plan as it deems advisable. The Commission shall cease to exist thirty days after the date of the submission of the final report.

Termination.

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[CHAPTER 485]

AN ACT

August 19, 1949
[S. 1949]

[Public Law 253]

To authorize the lease of the Federal correctional institution at Sandstone, Minnesota, to the State of Minnesota.

Minnesota.
Lease of property.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Attorney General is authorized to lease to the State of Minnesota, upon such terms and conditions as he may see fit, all lands, buildings, equipment, and other facilities of the Federal correctional institution at Sandstone, Minnesota, not required for use by the Department of Justice. The agreement of the State of Minnesota to protect, repair, and maintain such property and to return it to the Department of Justice in as good condition as when leased, reasonable wear and tear excepted, may constitute the sole consideration for any such lease. Any such lease shall continue in effect until terminated (1) by either party upon not less than eighteen months' notice to the other, or (2) by agreement of both parties.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 2. The Attorney General shall consider any proposals which may be made by the State of Minnesota for the transfer to it of any of the property described in the first section of this Act, and shall report the same, together with his recommendations, to the Congress.

Jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. There is hereby ceded to the State of Minnesota, for the duration of any lease of any property to it pursuant to the provisions of this Act, the jurisdiction theretofore vested in the United States over such property.

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