

Public Law 337

CHAPTER 152

April 17, 1954
[H. R. 3306]

AN ACT

To provide for the relief of certain reclamation homestead entymen.

North Platte
Reclamation Proj-
ect.
Mineral rights.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That where reclamation homestead entry was made prior to July 17, 1914, pursuant to the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 389, 43 U. S. C., sec. 431), as amended and supplemented, for lands in the Northport Division or the Interstate Division of the North Platte Reclamation Project, and after such entry the lands have been or are hereafter withdrawn, classified, or reported as being valuable for any of the minerals named in the Act of July 17, 1914 (38 Stat. 509, 30 U. S. C., sec. 121-123), the Act of March 4, 1933 (47 Stat. 1570, 30 U. S. C., sec. 124), or the Act of March 3, 1909 (35 Stat. 844, 30 U. S. C., sec. 81), the patent shall not contain a reservation of such minerals. If any such mineral deposits on account of which the lands were withdrawn, classified or reported as being valuable have been leased by the United States, such patent shall be made subject to the rights of the lessee, but the patentee shall be subrogated to the rights of the United States under the lease.

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CHAPTER 153

April 17, 1954
[H. R. 5529]

AN ACT

To preserve within Manassas National Battlefield Park, Virginia, the most important historic properties relating to the battles of Manassas, and for other purposes.

Manassas Na-
tional Battlefield
Park.
Boundaries.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in order to establish satisfactory boundaries for the Manassas National Battlefield Park, in the State of Virginia, and to contain within such boundaries the important historic lands relating to the two battles of Manassas, the boundaries of such battlefield park hereafter shall contain that area which is bounded, in general, as follows: The south boundary of the park shall be the southernmost limits of the present federally owned lands in the south portion of the park; the east and northeast boundaries shall be that portion of the Bull Run Creek which extends from the south boundary of the park north and westward to the north boundary of the park as hereinafter prescribed; the southwest boundary shall be that portion of Compton's Lane from its nearest point adjacent to the south boundary and extending northwesterly to State secondary highway numbered 622; the west and northwest boundary shall be State secondary highway numbered 622, from the point where it connects with Compton's Lane and extending northward until it reaches the Sudley Church property; the north boundary shall be the northernmost limits of the present Federal park holdings in the immediate vicinity of the Sudley Church property. The boundaries of the park also may include not more than two hundred and fifty acres of land adjacent to the aforesaid west and north boundaries of the park, which land shall become a part of the park upon acquisition thereof by the United States: *Provided,* That the total acreage which may be acquired for the park pursuant to this Act shall not exceed one thousand four hundred acres. Such land or interests therein may be procured by the Secretary of the Interior in such manner as he may consider to be in the public interest.

For exchange purposes, particularly in connection with State and other highway developments, the Secretary is authorized to accept, on behalf of the United States, any non-Federal land or interests therein situated within the park area herein prescribed, and in exchange therefor to convey park land or interests therein of approximately equal value.

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CHAPTER 160

AN ACT

April 19, 1954
[S. 1456]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to authorize a permanent annual appropriation for the maintenance and operation of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory", approved May 7, 1928, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to authorize a permanent annual appropriation for the maintenance and operation of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory", approved May 7, 1928, as amended, is hereby amended by striking out clauses (2) and (3) of section 1 of said Act and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "and (2) that the said Gorgas Memorial Institute be, and it is hereby, authorized within its discretion, henceforth to accept from any of the Latin American Governments, or from any other sources, any funds which may be offered or given for the use of the Gorgas Memorial Institute for the maintenance and operation of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory, and for carrying on the work of said Laboratory wherever deemed by the said Institute to be necessary or desirable."

Gorgas Memorial
Laboratory.

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22 USC 278.

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Public Law 340

CHAPTER 169

AN ACT

April 22, 1954
[H. R. 7110]

To provide that title to certain school lands shall vest in the States under the Act of January 25, 1927, notwithstanding any Federal leases which may be outstanding on such lands at the time they are surveyed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the Act entitled "An Act confirming in States and Territories title to lands granted by the United States in the aid of common or public schools", approved January 25, 1927, as amended (43 U. S. C., sec. 870), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

School lands.
Title.

44 Stat. 1026.

"(d) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (c), the fact that there is outstanding on any numbered mineral section at the time of its survey a lease or leases entered into by the United States, or an application therefor, shall not prevent the grant of such numbered mineral section to the State concerned as provided in this Act.

"(2) Any numbered mineral section which has been surveyed prior to the date of the enactment of this subsection, and which has not been granted to the State concerned solely by reason of the fact that there was outstanding on it at the time of the survey a lease or leases entered into by the United States, or an application therefor, is hereby granted by the United States to such State under this section as if it had not been so leased; and the State shall succeed to the position of the United States as lessor under such lease or leases.