

[CHAPTER 641]

AN ACT

To provide for the transfer of certain land in the De Soto National Forest to the Secretary of War for use for military purposes.

July 19, 1940  
[S. 4119]  
[Public, No. 754]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That upon request of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to transfer to the Secretary of War, for military purposes, such tracts of land, not in excess of sixty-five thousand acres, contiguous to the Camp Shelby State Military Reservation, Mississippi, and now included within the limits of the De Soto National Forest, Mississippi, as the Secretary of War may select: *Provided,* That in the event the area transferred pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall cease to be used for military purposes, it shall revert to its former national forest status.

De Soto National Forest, Miss.  
Transfer of land.

*Proviso.*  
Reversionary provision.

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[CHAPTER 642]

AN ACT

To encourage travel in the United States, and for other purposes.

July 19, 1940  
[H. R. 6884]  
[Public, No. 755]

*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 is authorized and directed, through the National Park Service, to encourage, promote, and develop travel within the United States, its Territories and possessions, providing such activities do not compete with the activities of private agencies; and to administer all existing travel promotion functions of the Department of the Interior through such Service.

Encouragement of travel within U. S.

SEC. 2. In carrying out the purposes of this Act, the Secretary is authorized to cooperate with public and private tourist, travel, and other agencies in the display of exhibits, and in the collection, publication, and dissemination of information with respect to places of interest, routes, transportation facilities, accommodations, and such other matters as he deems advisable and advantageous for the purpose of encouraging, promoting, or developing such travel. Nothing in this Act shall prohibit the preparation of graphic materials in foreign languages, designed to call attention to the attractions and places of interest in the United States and to encourage the use of American registered ships and planes. The existing facilities of the United States Government in foreign countries are hereby authorized to assist in the distribution of this material. The Secretary may enter into contracts with private publishers for such printing and binding as he may deem advisable in carrying out the purposes of this Act. The Secretary is also authorized to make charges for any publications made available to the public pursuant to this Act; and any proceeds from the sale of publications produced by the expenditure of contributed funds shall continue to be available for printing and binding as aforesaid.

Cooperation with tourist, etc., agencies.

Graphic materials in foreign languages; distribution.

Printing and binding.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to create an advisory committee to consist of a representative from each of the Departments of State, Agriculture, and Commerce, the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Civil Aeronautics Authority, and the United States Maritime Commission, as may be designated by such Departments or agencies, respectively, and such additional members, representatives of the various sections of the Nation, including transportation and accommodations agencies, not to exceed six members, to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to serve at his pleas-

Advisory committee.

Meetings.

ure. Meetings of the committee shall be held at the request of the Secretary for the purpose of making recommendations concerning the promotion of tourist travel under the provisions of this Act. The members of the committee shall receive no compensation for their services as members, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for such necessary travel and other expenses in connection with their attendance at committee meetings as may be authorized or approved by the Secretary.

Rules; contribu-  
tions.

SEC. 4. In the performance of his functions and duties under the provisions of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized—

(a) To prescribe, amend, and repeal such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary, and to accept contributions for carrying out the purposes of this Act; and

Personnel.  
42 Stat. 1488.  
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-  
674; Supp. V, §§ 673,  
673c.  
Appropriation au-  
thorized.

(b) To employ without regard to the civil-service laws, but subject to the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, one special assistant and not to exceed five artists and illustrators.

SEC. 5. There is authorized to be appropriated annually not to exceed the sum of \$100,000 to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved, July 19, 1940.

[CHAPTER 643]

AN ACT

July 19, 1940  
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[Public, No. 756]

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to promulgate and to put into effect charges for electrical energy generated at Boulder Dam, providing for the application of revenues from said project, authorizing the operation of the Boulder Power Plant by the United States directly or through agents, and for other purposes.

Boulder Canyon  
Project Adjustment  
Act.  
Promulgation of  
charges for electrical  
energy.

*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 is hereby authorized and directed to, and he shall, promulgate charges, on the basis of computation thereof, for electrical energy generated at Boulder Dam during the period beginning June 1, 1937, and ending May 31, 1987, computed to be sufficient, together with other net revenues from the project, to accomplish the following purposes:

Purposes.

(a) To meet the cost of operation and maintenance, and to provide for replacements, of the project during the period beginning June 1, 1937, and ending May 31, 1987;

45 Stat. 1057.  
43 U. S. C. § 617a (b).

(b) To repay to the Treasury, with interest, the advances to the Colorado River Dam Fund for the project made prior to June 1, 1937, within fifty years from that date (excluding advances allocated to flood control by section 2 (b) of the Project Act, which shall be repayable as provided in section 7 hereof), and such portion of such advances made on and after June 1, 1937, as (on the basis of repayment thereof within such fifty-year period or periods as the Secretary may determine) will be repayable prior to June 1, 1987;

(c) To provide \$600,000 for each of the years and for the purposes specified in section 2 (c) hereof; and

(d) To provide \$500,000 for each of the years and for the purposes specified in section 2 (d) hereof.

Revisions, etc., of  
charges.

Such charges may be made subject to revisions and adjustments at such times, to such extent, and in such manner, as by the terms of their promulgation the Secretary shall prescribe.

Disposition of re-  
ceipts; availability.

SEC. 2. All receipts from the project shall be paid into the Colorado River Dam Fund and shall be available for:

Annual appropri-  
ation.

(a) Annual appropriation for the operation, maintenance, and replacements of the project, including emergency replacements necessary to insure continuous operations;