

Removal of interference.

the date of enactment of this Act: *Provided*, That from and after thirty days' notice from the Federal Power Commission, or other authorized agency of the United States, to said Pennsylvania Power & Light Company, its successors or assigns, that desirable water-power development will be interfered with by the existence of said dam, the said company, or its successors or assigns, shall alter the dam, without expense to the United States, so as to remove said interference and, upon failure to do so within a reasonable time, the authority hereby granted to construct, maintain, and operate said dam shall terminate and be at an end; and any grantee or licensee of the United States, proposing to develop a power project at or near said dam, shall have authority to remove, submerge, or utilize said dam, under such conditions as said Commission or other agency may determine, but such conditions shall not include compensation for the removal, submergence, or utilization of said dam: *And provided further*, That the Pennsylvania Power & Light Company, its successors or assigns, shall hold and save the United States free from all claims for damage which may be sustained by the dam herein authorized, or damage sustained by the appurtenances of the said dam by reason of operations by the United States for flood control, the preservation or improvement of navigation, or for other purposes.

Claims for damage.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved July 30, 1947.

[CHAPTER 396]

AN ACT

July 30, 1947
[H. R. 3376]
[Public Law 286]

To ratify and confirm Act 10 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1947, extending the time within which revenue bonds may be issued and delivered under chapter 118, Revised Laws of Hawaii, 1945.

Hawaii.
Issuance of revenue bonds.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Act 10 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1947, amending section 6095 of chapter 118, Revised Laws of Hawaii, 1945, as amended, so as to extend the time within which revenue bonds may be issued and delivered under said chapter 118, is hereby ratified and confirmed and revenue bonds may be issued under and pursuant to the provisions of said chapter 118, Revised Laws of Hawaii, 1945, as amended, and as further amended by said Act 10, without the approval of the President of the United States and without the incurring of an indebtedness within the meaning of the Hawaiian Organic Act, and said chapter 118, as amended, shall constitute full authority for the issuance of said bonds without reference to and independent of the Hawaiian Organic Act.

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31 Stat. 141.
48 U. S. C. § 493
note.

[CHAPTER 397]

AN ACT

July 30, 1947
[H. R. 3587]
[Public Law 287]

To provide for the establishment of a temporary Congressional Aviation Policy Board.

National aviation policy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it is the purpose of this Act to provide for the development of a national aviation policy adequate to meet the needs of the national defense, of the commerce of the United States, both interstate and foreign, and of the postal service, and to provide for the formulation and clarification of national policies relating to or affecting aviation, including policies relating to the maintenance of an adequate aeronautical manufacturing industry.

SEC. 2. There is hereby established a temporary Congressional Aviation Policy Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") which shall be composed of five Members of the Senate, not more than three of whom shall be members of the majority party, to be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate, and five Members of the House of Representatives, not more than three of whom shall be members of the majority party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Temporary Congressional Aviation Policy Board.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Board to carry out the purposes of this Act, and, in so doing, to study the current and future needs of American aviation, including commercial air transportation and the utilization of aircraft by the armed services; the nature, type, and extent of aircraft and air transportation industries that are desirable or essential to our national security and welfare; methods of encouraging needed developments in the aviation and air transportation industry; and the improved organization and procedures of the Government that will assist it in handling aviation matters efficiently and in the public interest. The Board shall report to the Congress, together with such recommendations as it deems desirable, on or before March 1, 1948.

Study of aviation needs.

SEC. 4. (a) The Board shall select a chairman and a vice chairman from among its members. A vacancy on the Board shall be filled in the same manner as the original selection.

Report and recommendations to Congress.

Chairman and vice chairman.

(b) The Board is authorized to employ such experts, assistants, and other employees as in its judgment may be necessary for the performance of its duties. The Board is authorized to utilize the services, information, facilities, and personnel of the various departments and agencies of the Government to the extent that such services, information, facilities, and personnel, in the opinion of such departments and agencies, can be furnished without undue interference with the performance of the work and duties of such departments and agencies.

Employment of experts, etc.

(c) The Board shall have the power to hold hearings and to require by subpoena or otherwise the attendance of such witnesses, the production of such correspondence, books, papers, and documents, to administer such oaths, to take such testimony, and to make such expenditures, as it deems advisable.

Hearings, etc.

(d) For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act the Board may seek information from such sources and conduct its studies and investigations at such places and in such manner as it deems advisable in the interest of a correct ascertainment of the facts.

Studies and investigations.

SEC. 5. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums, not to exceed \$50,000, as may be necessary to enable the Board to carry out its functions under this Act.

Appropriation authorized. Ante, p. 611.

SEC. 6. The members of the Board, and employees thereof, shall be allowed all expenses necessary for travel and subsistence incurred while so engaged in the activities of the Board.

Travel expenses.

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[CHAPTER 398]

AN ACT

To authorize the Veterans' Administration to acquire certain land as a site for the proposed Veterans' Administration facility at Clarksburg, West Virginia, and for other purposes.

July 30, 1947
[H. R. 3739]
[Public Law 288]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized and directed (1) to acquire as a site for the proposed Veterans' Administration facility at Clarksburg, West Virginia, the tract of land in Harrison County, West

Veterans' Administration. Acquisition of site at Clarksburg, W. Va.