

(7) By inserting at the end of such Act the following new paragraph:

"There are authorized to be appropriated such sums of money not to exceed \$100,000 as may be necessary for the expenses of the Commission."

Approved August 9, 1955.

Appropriation.

Public Law 299

CHAPTER 659

AN ACT

To extend the retirement income tax credit to members of the Armed Forces.

August 9, 1955 .
[P.L.R. 291]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 37 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 is hereby amended by striking out the following: "; except that such term does not include a fund or system established by the United States for members of the Armed Forces of the United States".

68A Stat. 16.
26 USC 37.

SEC. 2. The amendment made by this Act shall be applicable to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1954.

Applicability.

Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 300

CHAPTER 660

AN ACT

To provide for adjustments in the lands or interests therein acquired for the Jim Woodruff Reservoir, Florida and Georgia, by the reconveyance of certain lands or interests therein to the former owners thereof.

August 9, 1955
[H.R. 1599]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) in order to provide for adjustments in the lands or interests in land heretofore acquired for the Jim Woodruff Reservoir, Florida and Georgia, to conform such acquisition to a lesser estate in lands now being acquired to complete the real estate requirements of the project, the Secretary of the Army is authorized to reconvey any such land or interests in land heretofore acquired to the former owners of such land whenever (1) he shall determine that such land or interest is not required for public purposes, and (2) he shall have received an application for reconveyance as hereinafter provided.

Jim Woodruff
Reservoir.
Reconveyance.

(b) Any such reconveyance of any such land or interest shall be made only after the Secretary (1) has given notice, in such manner (including publication) as he shall by regulation prescribe, to the former owner of such land or interest, and (2) has received an application for the reconveyance of such land or interest from such former owner, in such form as he shall by regulation prescribe, within a period of ninety days following the date of issuance of such notice.

(c) Any reconveyance of land or interest therein made under this Act shall be subject to such exceptions, restrictions, and reservations (including a reservation to the United States of flowage rights) as the Secretary may determine are in the public interest.

(d) Any land or interest therein reconveyed under this Act shall be sold for an amount determined by the Secretary to be equal to the price for which the land was acquired by the United States, adjusted to reflect (1) any increase in the value thereof resulting from improvements to the land made by the United States, or (2) any decrease in the value thereof resulting from (A) any reservation, exception,

restriction, or condition to which the reconveyance is made subject, and (B) any damage to the land or interest therein caused by the United States. In addition, the cost of any surveys necessary as an incident of such reconveyance shall be borne by the grantee.

(e) The requirements of this section shall not be applicable with respect to the disposition of any land, or interest therein, described in subsection (a) if the Secretary shall certify (1) that notice has been given to the former owner of such land or interest as provided in subsection (b) and that no qualified applicant has made timely application for the reconveyance of such land or interest, or (2) that within a reasonable time after receipt of a proper application for any reconveyance of such land or interest the parties have been unable to reach a satisfactory agreement with respect to the reconveyance of such land or interest.

(f) As used in this section, the term "former owner" means the person from whom any land, or interest therein, was acquired by the United States, or if such person is deceased, his spouse, or if such spouse is deceased, his children.

Delegation of authority.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Army may delegate any authority conferred upon him by this Act to any officer or employee of the Department of the Army. Any such officer or employee shall exercise the authority so delegated under rules and regulations approved by the Secretary.

Proceeds.

SEC. 3. Any proceeds from sales made under this Act shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts.

Termination date.

SEC. 4. This Act shall terminate three years after the date of its enactment.

Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 301

CHAPTER 661

AN ACT

August 9, 1955
[H.R. 482]

To provide for the conveyance of a portion of the former O'Reilly General Hospital, Springfield, Missouri, to the State of Missouri, and for other purposes.

O'Reilly General
Hospital, Mo.
Conveyance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of General Services is authorized and directed, upon certification to him by the Secretary of Defense and the Governor of Missouri that the property described in section 2 of this Act is needed for the training or support of the National Guard of Missouri, to convey the property to the State of Missouri, by quitclaim deed, without monetary consideration therefor, upon such terms and conditions as the Administrator determines to be necessary to properly protect the interest of the United States: *Provided, however,* That such deed of conveyance by express terms shall—

- a. reserve to the United States all mineral rights including gas and oil;
- b. reserve to the United States right of exclusive use without charge therefor of such property together with any improvements thereon during any period of national emergency,
- c. specify that said property shall be used for the training of the National Guard or for other military purposes, and in the event of non-use for such purpose within a reasonable time as determined by the Secretary of Defense or of discontinuance of use for such purpose, shall, in its then existing condition together