

(b) Such amount equivalent to the fair market value shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts.
Approved August 3, 1956.

Public Law 978

CHAPTER 949

AN ACT

August 3, 1956
[H. R. 7728]

To provide that the Department of the Navy shall not be required to reimburse the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for the transfer of certain real property at Columbus, Ohio.

Franklin County,
Ohio.
Transfer of prop-
erty.
63 Stat. 377.
40 USC 471 note.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding the requirements of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, approved June 30, 1949, as amended, or any other law, the Department of the Navy shall not be required to compensate the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for the transfer by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to the Department of the Navy of the real property in Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that consists of two parcels of land containing forty-two and two hundred ninety-four one-thousandths acres and sixty-five and ninety-six one-thousandths acres, both more or less, together with all improvements thereon, being the same property quitclaimed to the United States (Department of the Navy) by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation by deed dated March 29, 1951, and known as the former Lustron Plant (a portion of the property known as Plancor 18), Columbus, Ohio; and such transfer without reimbursement is ratified and approved.

Approved August 3, 1956.

Public Law 979

CHAPTER 950

AN ACT

August 3, 1956
[H. R. 11682]

To facilitate the control and eradication of certain animal diseases, to facilitate the carrying out of agricultural and related programs, to facilitate the agricultural attaché program, to facilitate the operations of the Farmers' Home Administration, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, and the Forest Service, and for other purposes.

Department of
Agriculture Or-
ganic Act of 1956.
58 Stat. 734.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1956".

SEC. 2. Section 11 of the Act of May 29, 1884, as added by the act of September 21, 1944 (21 U. S. C. 114a), and as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Control and
eradication of
diseases.

"SEC. 11. The Secretary of Agriculture, either independently or in cooperation with States or political subdivisions thereof, farmers' associations and similar organizations, and individuals, is authorized to control and eradicate tuberculosis and paratuberculosis of animals, avian tuberculosis, brucellosis of domestic animals, southern cattle ticks, hog cholera and related swine diseases, scabies in sheep and cattle, dourine in horses, scrapie and blue tongue in sheep, incipient or potentially serious minor outbreaks of diseases of animals, and contagious or infectious diseases of animals (such as foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, and contagious pleuropneumonia) which in the opinion of the Secretary constitute an emergency and threaten the livestock industry of the country, including the payment of claims growing out of destruction of animals (including poultry), and of

materials, affected by or exposed to any such disease, in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe. As used in this section, the term 'State' includes the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Territories and possessions of the United States."

SEC. 3. Section 2 of the Act of February 28, 1947 (21 U. S. C. 114c) is hereby amended by inserting, immediately following the word "Act" where it first appears therein the following: "and section 11 of the Act of May 29, 1884, as added by the Act of September 21, 1944, insofar as said Act relates to diseases which in the opinion of the Secretary constitute an emergency and threaten the livestock industry of the country."

SEC. 4. Funds available for carrying out the activities of the Department of Agriculture shall be available for expenses of advisory committees, including travel expenses in accordance with the provisions of section 5 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946, as amended.

SEC. 5. The Department of Agriculture is authorized to furnish subsistence to employees without consideration as, or deduction from, the compensation of such employees where warranted by emergency condition connected with the work under such regulations as the Secretary of Agriculture may prescribe.

SEC. 6. (a) Section 14 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (as added by the Act of February 29, 1936 (16 U. S. C. 590n)), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Payments to claimants under sections 7 to 17, inclusive, of this Act may be made upon the certificate of the claimant, which certificate shall be in such form as the Secretary of Agriculture may prescribe, that he has carried out the conservation practice or practices and has complied with all other requirements as conditions for such payments and that the statements and information contained in the application for payment are correct and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief, under the penalties of title 18, United States Code."

(b) Payments of grants under sections 7 to 17 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, may be conditioned upon the utilization of land with respect to which such payments or grants are to be made in conformity with farming practices which will encourage and provide for soil-building and soil- and water-conserving practices in the most practical and effective manner and adapted to conditions in the several States, as determined and approved by the State committees appointed pursuant to section 8 (b) of such Act, for the respective States.

(c) Section 11 of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended (16 U. S. C. 590k), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 11. All funds available for carrying out this Act shall be available for allotment to the bureaus and offices of the Department of Agriculture and for transfer to such other agencies of the Federal or State Governments, or to local public agencies, as the Secretary may request to cooperate or assist in carrying out this Act, and for payments to committees or associations of producers in any region or regions to cover the estimated administrative expenses to be incurred by any such committee or association in cooperating in carrying out this Act: *Provided*, That the Secretary may prescribe that all or part of such estimated expenses of any such committee or association may be deducted pro rata from the payments or grants made to the members thereof: *Provided further*, That the Secretary may make such payments in advance of determination of performance: *Provided further*, That the transfer of funds for services of technicians in formulating and carrying out agricultural conservation programs, from allotments for agricultural conservation payments within a State,

61 Stat. 7.

Funds for expenses.

60 Stat. 808,
5 USC 73b-2.

Emergency subsistence.

49 Stat. 1151,
16 USC 590g et seq.

62 Stat. 683.

Availability of funds.

shall be subject to such limitations and conditions as may be provided in appropriation or other law. Funds so transferred may be placed in a single account for each State."

52 Stat. 69.
7 USC 1392.

SEC. 7. Section 392 (b) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (7 U. S. C. 139 (b)), is amended by changing the period at the end of the first sentence to a comma and adding the words "unless otherwise provided by appropriation or other law." and by changing the period at the end of the second sentence to a comma and adding the words "unless otherwise provided by appropriation or other law."

68 Stat. 909.

SEC. 8. Section 606 of title VI of the Agricultural Act of 1954 (7 U. S. C. 1766) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Funds available for the purposes of this Act may be used for extending courtesies to representatives of foreign countries, when so provided in appropriation or other law."

50 Stat. 524.

SEC. 9. (a) Section 4 of the Act of July 22, 1937, as amended (7 U. S. C. 1004), is hereby amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof the following: " : *Provided further*, That there may be distributed to States and Territories such amounts as may be provided in applicable appropriations, in addition to the amount otherwise distributed thereto, for loans in reclamation projects and to entrymen on unpatented public lands".

(b) When authorized by appropriation or other law, funds of the Farmers' Home Administration available for administrative expenses may be placed in a single account.

52 Stat. 77.

SEC. 10. Section 516 (a) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended (7 U. S. C. 1516 (a)), is amended to read as follows:

"(a) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums, not in excess of \$12,000,000 for each fiscal year beginning after June 30, 1938, as may be necessary to cover the operating and administrative costs of the Corporation, which shall be allotted to the Corporation in such amounts and at such time or times as the Secretary of Agriculture may determine: *Provided*, That expenses in connection with the purchase, transportation, handling, or sale of the agricultural commodity and the direct cost of loss adjusters for crop inspections and loss adjustments may be considered by the Corporation as being nonadministrative or nonoperating expenses. The Corporation is authorized to use premium income for administrative and operating costs within limits prescribed in applicable appropriations."

Acquisition of
land.

SEC. 11. (a) The Department of Agriculture is authorized to acquire land, or interest therein, by purchase, exchange or otherwise, as may be necessary to carry out its authorized work: *Provided*, That no acquisition shall be made under this authority unless provision is made therefor in the applicable appropriation or other law.

(b) Appropriations for the Department of Agriculture which are available for the purchase of land may be expended for options to purchase land: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$1 may be expended for each option to purchase any particular tract or tracts of land unless otherwise provided in appropriation or other law.

63 Stat. 166.
5 USC 835 note.

SEC. 12. Under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture, funds available to the Department of Agriculture may be used for the payment of transportation expenses and per diem in lieu of subsistence expenses, in accordance with the Travel Expense Act of 1949, for travel between places of recruitment and duty, and while at places of duty, of persons appointed for temporary or seasonal services in inspection, classing or grading agricultural commodities.

Working capital
fund.

SEC. 13. There is hereby established a working capital fund which shall be available without fiscal year limitation for expenses neces-

sary, including the purchase or construction of buildings and improvements within the limitations thereon set forth in the appropriations for the Forest Service, for furnishing supply and equipment services in support of programs of the Forest Service. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to transfer to the fund, without reimbursement, and to capitalize in the fund at fair and reasonable values, such receivables, inventories, equipment, and other assets as he may determine, and assume the liabilities in connection with such assets, but such capitalization shall not exceed \$25,000,000: *Provided*, That the fund shall be credited with advance payments in connection with firm orders and reimbursements from appropriations and funds of the Forest Service, other departmental and Federal agencies, and from other sources, as authorized by law, at rates approximately equal to the cost of furnishing the facilities and service.

Approved August 3, 1956.

Public Law 980

CHAPTER 968

AN ACT

August 6, 1956
[S. 3386]

To amend the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution to establish a commission for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt", approved July 28, 1955.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 7 of the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution to establish a commission for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt", approved July 28, 1955, is amended to read as follows:

Theodore Roosevelt
celebration.

69 Stat. 384.

"SEC. 7. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated not to exceed the sum of \$150,000 to carry out the provisions of this joint resolution."

Appropriation.

Approved August 6, 1956.

Public Law 981

CHAPTER 969

AN ACT

August 6, 1956
[H. R. 11709]

To amend Public Law 506, Eighty-fourth Congress, second session, to increase the authorization for appropriations to the Atomic Energy Commission for acquisition or condemnation of real property or any facilities, or for plant or facility acquisition, construction, or expansion, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 101 of Public Law 506, Eighty-fourth Congress, second session, is hereby amended by striking the figure "\$295,495,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the figure "\$319,595,000".

AEC appropriations.
Ante, p. 127.

SEC. 2. Section 101 (c) 2 of Public Law 506, Eighty-fourth Congress, second session, is amended by striking the figure "\$15,900,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the figure "\$25,000,000".

SEC. 3. Section 101 (c) of Public Law 506, Eighty-fourth Congress, second session, is amended by adding at the end thereof a new subsection, reading:

"10. Project 57-c-10, amended reactor development project, \$15,000,000."

Approved August 6, 1956.