

## [CHAPTER 38]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

Providing for membership and participation by the United States in the South Pacific Commission and authorizing an appropriation therefor.

January 28, 1948  
[H. J. Res. 232]  
[Public Law 403]

Whereas delegates representing the Governments of Australia, the French Republic, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, New Zealand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America attended the South Seas Conference held at Canberra, Australia, and signed an "Agreement Establishing the South Pacific Commission" on February 6, 1947; and

South Pacific Commission.

Whereas the purpose of the South Pacific Commission is to encourage and strengthen international cooperation in promoting the economic and social welfare and advancement of the non-self-governing territories in the South Pacific in accordance with the principles set forth in chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations, thereby contributing to the maintenance of international peace and security: Therefore be it

59 Stat. 1048.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President is hereby authorized to accept membership for the United States in the South Pacific Commission, created by the Agreement Establishing the South Pacific Commission, signed on February 6, 1947, at Canberra, Australia, by delegates representing the Governments of Australia, the French Republic, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, New Zealand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America, and to appoint the United States Commissioners, and their alternates, thereto.

Acceptance of membership for U. S.

SEC. 2. When used in this joint resolution—

- (1) the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of State;
- (2) the term "Government agency" means any department, independent establishment, or other agency of the Government of the United States, or any corporation wholly owned by the Government of the United States; and
- (3) the term "Commission" means the South Pacific Commission.

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SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of State, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated—

Appropriation authorized.  
*Post*, p. 309.

(a) Not more than \$20,000 annually for the payment by the United States of its proportionate share of the expenses of the Commission and its auxiliary and subsidiary bodies, as set forth in article XIV of the Agreement Establishing the South Pacific Commission;

U. S. share of expenses.

(b) Such additional sums as may be needed for the payment of all necessary expenses incident to participation by the United States in the activities of the Commission, including salaries of the United States Commissioners, their alternates, and appropriate staff, without regard to the civil-service laws and the Classification Act of 1923, as amended; personal services in the District of Columbia; services as authorized by section 15 of Public Law 600, Seventy-ninth Congress; under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of State may prescribe, allowances for living quarters, including heat, fuel, and light and cost-of-living allowances to persons temporarily stationed abroad; hire of passenger motor vehicles and other local transportation; printing and binding without regard to section 11 of the Act of March 1, 1919 (44 U. S. C. 111), and section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, as amended; and such other expenses as the Secretary of State finds necessary to

42 Stat. 1488.  
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674.  
60 Stat. 810.  
5 U. S. C. § 55a.

40 Stat. 1270.

41 U. S. C. § 5.

60 Stat. 714.  
22 U. S. C. § 287r.

Detail of employees.

5 U. S. C. § 118e.  
*Anne*, p. 13.

participation by the United States in the activities of the Commission: *Provided*, That the provisions of section 6 of the Act of July 30, 1946 (Public Law 565, Seventy-ninth Congress), and regulations thereunder, applicable to expenses incurred pursuant to that Act shall be applicable to any expenses incurred pursuant to this paragraph (b).

SEC. 4. The Secretary is authorized, when the Commission is desirous of obtaining the services of a person having special scientific or other technical or professional qualifications, from time to time to detail, or authorize the detail of, for temporary service to or in cooperation with the Commission, any person in the employ or service of the Government of the United States who has such qualifications, with the approval of the Government agency in which such person is employed or serving, under the same conditions as those governing the detail of officers and employees of the United States Government to the government of another country in accordance with the provisions of the Act of May 25, 1938 (52 Stat. 442), as amended, except that the authority vested in the President under that Act shall be vested in the Secretary for the purpose of carrying out this section.

Approved January 28, 1948.

[CHAPTER 41]

AN ACT

January 31, 1948  
[H. R. 3646]  
[Public Law 404]

Relating to the exchange of certain private and Federal properties within Gettysburg National Military Park, Pennsylvania, and for other purposes.

Gettysburg National  
Military Park, Pa.  
Exchange of lands.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That, for the purpose of consolidating Federal holdings of land within Gettysburg National Military Park, Pennsylvania, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to accept, on behalf of the United States, approximately four acres of non-Federal land within the park boundaries, such land to be conveyed to the United States without cost by the Evergreen Cemetery Association, of Gettysburg. Upon acceptance of title thereto by the United States, such property shall be subject to all laws and regulations applicable to the park. In exchange for the conveyance to the United States of the aforesaid property, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to convey to the Evergreen Cemetery Association approximately one and one-quarter acres of federally owned land within the park, such property constituting a right-of-way through the Evergreen Cemetery property: *Provided*, That the aforesaid exchange shall be consummated only upon condition that the Secretary is satisfied that such exchange is in the public interest and that the properties to be exchanged are of approximately equal value.

Condition.

Approved January 31, 1948.

[CHAPTER 42]

JOINT RESOLUTION

February 2, 1948  
[S. J. Res. 179]  
[Public Law 405]

To change the date for filing the report of the Joint Committee on the Economic Report.

60 Stat. 25, 838.  
15 U. S. C. § 1024 (b)  
(3).

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 5 (b) (3) of the Employment Act of 1946, as amended, is amended by striking out "February 1" and inserting in lieu thereof "March 1".

Approved February 2, 1948.