

[CHAPTER 75]

AN ACT

To change the name of the Lugert-Altus irrigation project in the State of Oklahoma to the W. C. Austin project.

May 16, 1947
[S. 214]
[Public Law 69]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in honor and recognition of the outstanding service of the late W. C. Austin in securing irrigation for the benefit of southwestern Oklahoma, the project in the State of Oklahoma known as the Lugert-Altus irrigation project shall hereafter be known and designated as the W. C. Austin project. Any law, regulation, document, or record of the United States in which such project is designated or referred to under the name of the Lugert-Altus irrigation project shall be held to refer to such project under and by the name of the W. C. Austin project.

W. C. Austin project,
Okla.

Approved May 16, 1947.

[CHAPTER 76]

AN ACT

Providing for the conveyance to the town of Marblehead, in the State of Massachusetts, of Marblehead Military Reservation for public use.

May 16, 1947
[H. R. 450]
[Public Law 70]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States Coast Guard, or such agency of the United States as holds title, be, and hereby is, authorized and directed, upon payment to the United States of the sum of \$5,000, to convey, by quitclaim deed, to the town of Marblehead, in the State of Massachusetts, for perpetual use as a public park or other public use, all the proprietary right, title, and interest of the United States to and in that certain tract of land, together with all improvements thereon owned by the United States, embraced within the military reservation situated on Marblehead Neck at the east entrance to Marblehead Harbor, in the State of Massachusetts, and containing approximately three and seventy-four one-hundredths acres; the said property being that which was acquired by the War Department from the Department of Commerce pursuant to an Act of Congress approved May 28, 1935 (Public Law Numbered 81, Seventy-fourth Congress): *Provided*, That an area one hundred feet square surrounding the lighthouse tower, with right-of-way both by land and sea, shall be reserved for lighthouse purposes: *Provided further*, That the town of Marblehead shall not have the right to sell or convey aforesaid property, nor to devote the same to any other than for a public park use; and in the event that said property shall not be used as above provided, the right, title, and interest hereby authorized to be conveyed shall revert to the United States.

Marblehead, Mass.
Conveyance.

49 Stat. 305.
Lighthouse area.

Restrictions.

Reversion provision.

Approved May 16, 1947.

[CHAPTER 77]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To correct technical errors in the Act approved August 13, 1946 (Public Law 729, Seventy-ninth Congress, second session).

May 16, 1947
[H. J. Res. 116]
[Public Law 71]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act approved August 13, 1946 (Public Law 729, Seventy-ninth Congress, second session), is hereby amended as follows:

(a) Strike out "6 (a)" in paragraph (a) of section 3 and substitute in lieu thereof the following: "(a) of section 6".

Navy.
Officer candidate
training program.
60 Stat. 1057.
34 U. S. C. §§ 1020-
1020.
60 Stat. 1058.
34 U.S.C. § 1020b(a).

- 60 Stat. 1058.
34 U. S. C. § 1020b(b).
- (b) Insert a comma between the second occurrence of the word "work" and the word "and" in clause (1) of paragraph (b) of section 3.
- (c) Strike out the first occurrence of the word "and" and substitute in lieu thereof a comma in clause (2) of paragraph (b) of section 3.
- 60 Stat. 1058.
34 U. S. C. § 1020c.
- (d) Strike out the word "part" wherever occurring in section 4 and substitute in lieu thereof the word "paragraph".
- 60 Stat. 1059.
34 U. S. C. § 1020d.
- (e) Strike out the word "part" in section 5 and substitute in lieu thereof the word "paragraph".
- 60 Stat. 1059.
34 U. S. C. § 1020e.
- (f) Insert between the letter "(a)" and the word "Midshipmen" in subsection (a) of section 6 the following: "1."
- (g) Strike out "section 3 (a)" in the first paragraph of subsection (a) of section 6 and substitute in lieu thereof the following: "paragraph (a) of section 3".
- (h) Strike out "section 3 (b)" in paragraph 2 of subsection (a) of section 6 and substitute in lieu thereof the following: "paragraph (b) of section 3"; and in the same said paragraph strike out the word "part" and substitute in lieu thereof the word "paragraph".
- (i) Insert a comma between the second occurrence of the word "year" and the word "and" in subsection (d) of section 6.
- 60 Stat. 1060.
34 U. S. C. § 1020f.
Commission in reserve component upon application.
- (j) Amend section 7 to read as follows:
"SEC. 7. Any officer commissioned under paragraph 1 of subsection (a) of section 6 or under subsection (b) of section 6 may, upon his own application, after not less than fifteen months or two years, respectively, of satisfactory service as a commissioned officer, have his commission in the Regular service terminated and be commissioned in the Naval Reserve or the Marine Corps Reserve, and, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy, be released from active duty. The date of rank in such commission in a reserve component shall be the same as that of the commission previously held in the Regular service."
- 60 Stat. 1060.
34 U. S. C. § 1020g.
- (k) Strike out "subsection 2 of section 6 (a)" in section 8 and substitute in lieu thereof the following: "paragraph 2 of subsection (a) of section 6".
- 60 Stat. 1060.
34 U. S. C. § 1020h.
- (l) Strike out "subsection 2 of section 6 (a)" in subsection (a) of section 9 and substitute in lieu thereof the following: "paragraph 2 of subsection (a) of section 6".
- (m) Strike out "subsection 1 of section 6 (a)" in the first sentence of subsection (b) of section 9 and substitute in lieu thereof the following: "paragraph 1 of subsection (a) of section 6". In the same said first sentence strike out "section 6 (b)" and substitute in lieu thereof the following: "subsection (b) of section 6".
- 60 Stat. 1060.
34 U. S. C. § 1020i.
- (n) Strike out "subsection 9 (a)" in section 10 and substitute in lieu thereof the following: "subsection (a) of section 9".
- 60 Stat. 1061.
34 U. S. C. § 1039.
Appointments of midshipmen.
- (o) Amend section 16 to read as follows:
"SEC. 16. (a) The President may appoint annually seventy-five midshipmen to the United States Naval Academy from among the sons of Army, Navy, and Marine Corps personnel.
"(b) The Act of December 20, 1917 (40 Stat. 430), as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows: 'There shall be allowed at the United States Naval Academy five midshipmen for each Senator, Representative, Delegate in Congress, and Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico, and from the District of Columbia, one hundred and sixty appointed annually from enlisted men of the Navy and Marine Corps, and one hundred and sixty appointed annually from enlisted men of the Naval Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve by the Secretary of the Navy under similar conditions so far as applicable as prescribed by law for appointments from enlisted men of the Navy.'
- 34 U. S. C. § 1032.
- (p) Strike out the word "not" in section 19. Substitute the word "and" in lieu of the word "nor" in the same said section.
- 60 Stat. 1061.
34 U. S. C. § 61.
- Effective date.
- SEC. 2. This joint resolution shall be effective from August 13, 1946.

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[CHAPTER 78]

AN ACT

To limit the time within which the General Accounting Office shall make final settlement of the monthly or quarterly accounts of fiscal officers, and for other purposes.

May 19, 1947
[S. 273]
[Public Law 72]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, effective three years after the date of enactment of this Act, the monthly or quarterly accounts of any disbursing, accountable, or certifying officer of the Government shall be settled by the General Accounting Office within a period of not to exceed three years from the date of the receipt of the account by the General Accounting Office. A copy of the certificate of settlement in each case shall be sent to the officer involved and such settlement shall be final and conclusive on the General Accounting Office after the expiration of three years from the date of receipt of the account to the extent that no further charges or debts shall be raised in such account thereafter except as to moneys which have been or may be lost to the United States due to fraud or criminality on the part of said officer: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit recovery from any payee of public moneys illegally or erroneously paid to such payee or to preclude the recovery from the disbursing, accountable, or certifying officer or his surety of any balance found due the Government under a settlement made within the period of three years as herein provided: *Provided further*, That nothing herein shall be construed to deprive any such officer of his right at any time to clear his accounts of questioned items in accordance with the provisions of existing law: *Provided further*, That the period of limitation above prescribed shall be regarded as suspended for the duration of any future war in which the United States may be engaged.

Period for settlement of monthly or quarterly accounts by GAO.

Certificate of settlement.

Recovery of illegal payments, etc.

Clearance of questioned items.

Suspension.

Approved May 19, 1947.

[CHAPTER 79]

AN ACT

Authorizing the reduction of certain accrued interest charges payable by the Farmers' Irrigation District, North Platte project.

May 19, 1947
[H. R. 804]
[Public Law 73]

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 in administering the North Platte project, Nebraska-Wyoming, to enter into a contract modifying the contract of July 15, 1927, heretofore entered into pursuant to the Act of February 21, 1911 (36 Stat. 925), between the United States and the Farmers' Irrigation District, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Nebraska, whereby the said district shall be relieved and excused of the obligation to pay \$59,853, representing part of the accrued interest due the United States from the district pursuant to the terms of article 2 (c) of said contract of July 15, 1927: *Provided*, That the district agrees, on terms satisfactory to the Secretary, to operate and maintain the several drain diversion works now or hereafter to be constructed emptying waste, seepage, and return flow waters into the district's canal.

Farmers' Irrigation District, North Platte project.

43 U. S. C. §§ 523-525.

Operation, etc., of drain diversion works.

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