

numbered 7 of the official survey to the west line of said tract at a point twelve and forty one-hundredths chains south of official corner numbered 2, containing fifteen and eighty-six one-hundredths acres, more or less, subject, however, to a reservation to the United States of all uranium, thorium, and all other materials determined pursuant to section 5 (b) (1) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 755, 761), to be peculiarly essential to the production of fissionable material, as provided in Executive Order Numbered 9908 (12 F. R. 8223). Subject, also to a right-of-way forty feet in width outstanding in Pima County for the Silver Bell Road as now located and defined, and to the reservations contained in the United States patent to said lands. The proceeds of such sale or sales shall be available to the Secretary of Agriculture for the purchase of any lands described in the second section of this Act which are not owned by the United States and the construction of improvements for the Desert Laboratory of the Southwestern Forest and Range Experiment Station in replacement of the lands and facilities disposed of hereunder.

SEC. 2. That, subject to any valid existing claim or entry, all lands of the United States situated within the area hereafter described are hereby added to and made parts of the Coronado National Forest, State of Arizona, and all lands in the described area hereinafter acquired under the first and third sections of this Act shall thereupon become parts of the said national forest and shall be subject to the laws and regulations relating to the national forests, but shall be reserved from entry and location under the public lands and mining laws of the United States as an experimental area for watershed management and range research:

South half southeast quarter section 9; that portion of tract 37, section 10, township 14 south, range 13 east, Gila and Salt River meridian, Arizona, as established by the General Land Office, Department of the Interior, as approved by the Acting Assistant Commissioner on August 5, 1944, lying south of a line extending westerly from corner numbered 7 of the official survey to the west line of said tract at a point twelve and forty one-hundredths chains south of official corner numbered 2, containing nine and sixty one-hundredths acres, more or less; four acres, more or less, out of the south half southeast quarter northwest quarter southeast quarter, south half southwest quarter, southwest quarter southeast quarter, section 10; west half northwest quarter northeast quarter, west half section 15 and east half section 16, all in township 14 south, range 13 east, Gila and Salt River meridian.

SEC. 3. That the provisions of the Act approved March 20, 1922 (42 Stat. 465, 16 U. S. C. 485), as amended, are hereby extended and made applicable to all lands within the area described in the second section of this Act which are not owned by the United States.

Approved August 15, 1949.

[CHAPTER 438]

AN ACT

To authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to appoint contracting officers to make contracts in amounts not exceeding \$3,000.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first paragraph of section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to grant additional powers to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved December 20, 1944 (58 Stat. 821, 822), is amended by striking out therefrom "\$1,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$3,000".

Approved August 16, 1949.

42 U. S. C. § 1805
(b) (1).

3 CFR, 1947 Supp.,
p. 176.

Proceeds of sale.

Coronado National
Forest, Ariz.

16 U. S. C. §§ 485,
486.

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[S. 1918]
[Public Law 230]

D. C. Code, Supp.
VII, § 1-245.

[CHAPTER 439]

AN ACT

August 16, 1949
[H. R. 91]
[Public Law 231]

To provide for a research and development program in the Post Office Department.

Postal Service.
Research and devel-
opment program.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the Postmaster General is authorized and directed to establish in the Post Office Department a research and development program which shall be administered by the Postmaster General through such officers and employees as he may designate.

Purpose.

(b) The investigations and studies under this program shall be for the purpose of improving existing equipment, supplies, methods, procedures, means, and devices used in the Postal Service and of introducing new types of equipment, supplies, methods, procedures, means, and devices for use in such service in order that the businesses of the Post Office Department may be more efficiently and economically operated.

Facilities and assist-
ance of Federal agen-
cies.

SEC. 2. In carrying out its functions under this Act, the Department is authorized, pursuant to the Act of March 4, 1915 (38 Stat. 1084), as amended (31 U. S. C., sec. 686), or other applicable law, to utilize the research and testing facilities of the National Bureau of Standards and to procure advice and assistance from any department or independent establishment in the executive branch of the Government.

Approved August 16, 1949.

[CHAPTER 440]

AN ACT

August 16, 1949
[H. R. 1720]
[Public Law 232]

To provide for the conveyance of certain land in Missoula County, Montana, to the State of Montana for the use and benefit of Montana State University.

Montana.
Conveyance.

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 and directed to sell and convey, at one-half the value thereof fixed by the Secretary of the Interior, to the State of Montana for the use and benefit of Montana State University, Missoula, Montana, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to certain land situated in Missoula County, Montana, more particularly described as follows:

The southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, the south half of the northwest quarter, and the north half of the southwest quarter, section 30, township 13 north, range 19 west, Montana principal meridian, containing approximately two hundred acres.

Right reserved to
U. S.

SEC. 2. The patent issued under this Act shall contain a reservation to the United States of all mineral deposits in the lands and of the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same under applicable laws and under regulations to be established by the Secretary.

Approved August 16, 1949.

[CHAPTER 441]

AN ACT

August 16, 1949
[H. R. 2662]
[Public Law 233]

To grant time to employees in the executive branch of the Government to participate, without loss of pay or deduction from annual leave, in funerals for deceased members of the armed forces returned to the United States for burial.

Veterans.
Participation in fu-
nerals.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That employees in