

## [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.

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## 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