

of silt, improvement of the general quality of the water, the preservation and propagation of fish and wildlife, and the provision and improvement of recreational facilities), at an estimated cost of \$69,500,000, all in substantial accord with the recommendations made in that certain report, dated July 15, 1949, of the regional director, region IV, Bureau of Reclamation, entitled "Weber Basin project, Utah".

Apportionment of costs.

SEC. 2. The Secretary is authorized to apportion equitably the costs of constructing, operating, and maintaining (including therein reasonable provision for replacement) the project works herein authorized between, on the one hand, their flood control, recreational, and fish and wildlife purposes and, on the other hand, their irrigation, power, municipal, and other water-supply purposes. The former allocations shall be nonreimbursable and nonreturnable. The latter allocations shall be reimbursable and returnable: *Provided*, That general repayment obligations undertaken pursuant to subsections (c) and (d) of section 9 of the Reclamation Act of 1939 may extend over a period not exceeding sixty years.

Repayment period.

53 Stat. 1194.
43 U. S. C. § 485h
(c), (d).
Establishment of organization.

SEC. 3. As a condition precedent to construction of any of the irrigation or drainage works herein authorized, there shall be established an organization in the State of Utah with powers satisfactory to the Secretary, including the power to tax property both real and personal within its boundaries and the power to enter into a contract or contracts with the United States for payment of reimbursable costs allocated to irrigation, municipal water supply, and other miscellaneous purposes.

43 U. S. C. § 372 *et seq.*

SEC. 4. This Act shall be a supplement to the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto), the provisions whereof shall govern the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Weber Basin project except as otherwise herein provided.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 5. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be required to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Approved August 29, 1949.

[CHAPTER 520]

AN ACT

To amend title II of the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title II of the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof a new section as follows:

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Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, amendment.
52 Stat. 980.
49 U. S. C. §§ 421-426; Supp. II, § 421 note.

"SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS FOR ALASKA

"SEC. 207. When appropriations for any fiscal year for the Civil Aeronautics Administration have not been made prior to the first day of March preceding the beginning of such fiscal year, the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics may authorize such officer or officers as may be designated by him to incur obligations for the purchase and transportation of supplies and materials necessary to the proper execution of the Administration's functions in Alaska in amounts not to exceed 75 per centum of the amount that had been made available for such purposes for the fiscal year then current, payments of these obligations to be made from the appropriations for the next succeeding fiscal year when they become available."

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[CHAPTER 521]

AN ACT

To authorize the sale of public lands in Alaska.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That public lands in Alaska not within national parks or monuments, national forests, Indian lands, and military reservations, which have been classified by the Secretary of the Interior as suitable for industrial or commercial purposes, including the construction of housing, may be sold by him at public auction, after giving not less than thirty days' notice of such intended sale in a newspaper of general circulation in Alaska, in tracts not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres in the aggregate, to any bidder who furnishes proof satisfactory to the Secretary that such bidder has the bona fide intention and the means to develop the tract for such use: *Provided,* That withdrawn or reserved lands may be disposed of under this Act only with the consent of any department or agency having administrative jurisdiction over such lands.

SEC. 2. No sale shall be made for less than the appraised price of the land and the cost of making any survey to properly describe the land sold.

SEC. 3. There shall be issued to each purchaser of land under this Act a certificate of purchase. Within three years after issuance of such certificate, upon proof supported by affidavits of two disinterested persons that the purchaser has used the land for the purpose for which it was classified for sale for a period of not less than six months, a patent in fee shall be issued. Patents under this Act shall issue only after survey, and shall contain a reservation to the United States of all minerals in the lands patented, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals, and such other reservations as may be necessary and proper: *Provided,* That, notwithstanding the provisions of any Act of Congress to the contrary, any person who hereafter prospects for, mines, or removes any minerals from any land disposed of under this Act shall be liable for any damage that may be caused to the value of the land and tangible improvements thereon by such prospecting for, mining, or removal of minerals. Nothing in this section shall be construed to impair any vested right in existence on the effective date of this section.

SEC. 4. This Act shall not affect any existing valid rights. The Act of May 14, 1898 (48 U. S. C., secs. 371 and 462), as amended, creating shore space reserves, shall not apply to nor limit the operation of this Act.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of the Interior may make such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper to provide for the development, under applicable law, of minerals reserved to the United States, to provide appropriate notice of and method of conducting sales, to prevent speculation, to promote the orderly development of lands in Alaska, to provide protection and compensation for damages from mining activities to the surface and improvements thereon, and to carry out any of the other purposes of this Act.

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Alaska.
Sale of public lands.

Sale price.

Certificate of purchase.
Patent in fee.

Rights reserved to U. S.

Liability.

30 Stat. 409, 413.

Rules and regulations.

[CHAPTER 522]

AN ACT

To authorize the addition of certain lands to the Big Bend National Park, in the State of Texas, and for other purposes.

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 authorized to acquire, in such manner as he shall

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Big Bend National Park, Tex.
Additional land.