

lands in Jackson County, Michigan, to the Mount Hope Cemetery Association of Waterloo, Michigan: Block 44, village of Waterloo, section 36, township 1 south, range 2 east, of the Michigan meridian. Any conditions providing for a reversion of title to the United States that may be contained in the conveyance of such lands by the United States to the State of Michigan are hereby released as to the lands herein authorized to be transferred.

Approved May 6, 1949.

[CHAPTER 95]

AN ACT

To establish the grade of General of the Air Force, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby established in the United States Air Force the grade of General of the Air Force.

SEC. 2. The grade of any individual transferred in the grade of General of the Army from the Regular Army to the United States Air Force, pursuant to the National Security Act of 1947 (Act of July 26, 1947; 61 Stat. 695), is herewith redesignated "General of the Air Force".

SEC. 3. Nothing herein shall be construed as appointing any individual to a new or different office or to alter or prejudice the status of any individual concerned so as to deprive him of any pay or allowances, rights, benefits, or privileges to which he may be entitled under existing law.

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[S. 796]  
[Public Law 58]

General of the Air Force.

61 Stat. 495.  
5 U. S. C., Supp. II,  
§ 171 note.  
*Ante*, p. 30; *post*,  
p. 573.  
Status.

[CHAPTER 96]

AN ACT

To increase the fees of witnesses in the United States courts and before United States commissioners, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1821 of title 28, United States Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1821. Per diem and mileage generally; subsistence. A witness attending in any court of the United States or before a United States commissioner or person taking his deposition pursuant to any order of a court of the United States, shall receive \$4 for each day's attendance and for the time necessarily occupied in going to and returning from the same, and 7 cents per mile for going from and returning to his place of residence. Witnesses who are not salaried employees of the Government and who are not in custody and who attend at points so far removed from their respective residence as to prohibit return thereto from day to day shall be entitled to an additional allowance of \$5 per day for expenses of subsistence including the time necessarily occupied in going to and returning from the place of attendance: *Provided*, That in lieu of the mileage allowance provided for herein, witnesses who are required to travel between the Territories, possessions, or to and from the continental United States, shall be entitled to the actual expenses of travel at the lowest first-class rate available at the time of reservation for passage, by means of transportation employed: *Provided further*, That this section shall not apply to Alaska."

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May 10, 1949  
[S. 635]  
[Public Law 59]

Title 28, United States Code, amendment.  
62 Stat. 950.  
28 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 1821.  
*Post*, p. 103.

Nonapplicability.

## [CHAPTER 98]

## AN ACT

May 11, 1949  
[H. R. 1741]  
[Public Law 60]

To authorize the establishment of a joint long-range proving ground for guided missiles, and for other purposes.

Joint long-range  
proving ground for  
guided missiles.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Air Force is hereby authorized to establish a joint long-range proving ground for guided missiles and other weapons by the construction, installation, or equipment of temporary or permanent public works, including buildings, facilities, appurtenances, and utilities, within or without the continental limits of the United States, for scientific study, testing, and training purposes by the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Acquisition of lands,  
etc.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Air Force is authorized in discharging the authority given in the preceding section to make surveys, to acquire lands and rights or other interests pertaining thereto, including the temporary use thereof, by donation, purchase, exchange of Government-owned lands, or otherwise, without regard to section 3648, Revised Statutes, as amended. Prior to the acquisition under the authority of this section of any lands or rights or other interests pertaining thereto, the Secretary of the Air Force shall come into agreement with the Armed Services Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives with respect to the acquisition of such lands, rights, or other interests.

31 U. S. C. § 529.  
Agreement with  
Armed Services Com-  
mittees.

Appropriation au-  
thorized.  
Post, p. 876.

SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not to exceed \$75,000,000 to carry out the purposes of sections 1 and 2 of this Act.

Transfer of author-  
ity.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Defense is authorized, in his discretion, to transfer to the Secretary of the Army or the Secretary of the Navy, and to retransfer from either of such Secretaries to the other or to the Secretary of the Air Force, all, or any part of, the authority granted by sections 1 and 2 of this Act; and, in connection with any such transfer or retransfer, to transfer all or any part of the funds available for the establishment and support of the joint long-range proving ground for guided missiles and other weapons. The Secretary of Defense is further authorized to permit, to the extent that he may deem appropriate, the Secretaries of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force to contribute, with or without reimbursement, to the establishment and support of the joint long-range proving ground for guided missiles authorized by this Act, by the loan, assignment, or transfer of personnel, supplies, equipment, and services.

Approved May 11, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 100]

## AN ACT

May 12, 1949  
[S. 270]  
[Public Law 61]

To change the name of Culbertson Dam on the Republican River in the State of Nebraska to "Trenton Dam" and to name the body of water arising behind such dam "Swanson Lake".

Trenton Dam and  
Swanson Lake.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the dam under construction on the Republican River in the State of Nebraska, heretofore known, designated, and referred to as "Culbertson Dam", shall hereafter be designated and referred to as "Trenton Dam". Any law, regulation, document, or record of the United States in which such dam is designated or referred to under and by the name "Culbertson Dam" shall be held and considered to refer to such dam under and by the name of "Trenton Dam". The body of water arising behind