

[CHAPTER 367]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Commemorating the fortieth anniversary of the first airplane flight by Wilbur and Orville Wright.

December 17, 1943  
[H. J. Res. 175]  
[Public Law 206]

Whereas, on December 17, 1903, the first flight of a heavier than air machine was made by Wilbur and Orville Wright at Kill Devil Hills, Kitty Hawk, North Carolina; and

Whereas the fortieth anniversary of the first flight of a heavier than air machine will be commemorated on December 17, 1943: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Nation express its gratitude and respect for this signal and astounding contribution to the progress of the world on the fortieth anniversary thereof.

Fortieth anniversary of first airplane flight.

That an engrossed copy of this joint resolution be transmitted to Orville Wright, the surviving brother.

Approved December 17, 1943.

[CHAPTER 368]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for the proper observance of the one hundred and fifty-second anniversary of the adoption of the first ten amendments to the Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights.

December 17, 1943  
[H. J. Res. 186]  
[Public Law 207]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating the week of December 12 to 18, 1943, as Bill of Rights Week, calling upon officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on December 15, the actual anniversary, and inviting the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and prayer.

Bill of Rights Week.

Approved December 17, 1943.

[CHAPTER 371]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To extend the time limit for immunity.

December 20, 1943  
[H. J. Res. 199]  
[Public Law 208]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That effective as of December 7, 1943, all statutes, resolutions, laws, articles, and regulations, affecting the possible prosecution of any person or persons, military or civil, connected with the Pearl Harbor catastrophe of December 7, 1941, or involved in any other possible or apparent dereliction of duty, that operate to prevent the court martial or prosecution of any person or persons in military or civil capacity, involved in any matter in connection with the Pearl Harbor catastrophe of December 7, 1941, or involved in any other possible or apparent dereliction of duty, are hereby extended for a period of six months.

Pearl Harbor catastrophe.  
Extension of time limit for immunity.

Approved December 20, 1943.

## [CHAPTER 372]

## AN ACT

December 21, 1943  
[H. R. 2641]  
[Public Law 209]

To authorize the acquisition by exchange of certain lands for addition to the Sequoia National Park.

Sequoia National  
Park, Calif.  
Addition of lands.

*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 his discretion, to accept title to lands and interests in lands near the entrance to the Sequoia National Park, subject to existing easements for public highways and public utilities, within the following described tracts:

Description.

Tract A. A portion of tract 37, township 17 south, range 29 east, Mount Diablo meridian, Tulare County, California, comprising approximately two acres.

Tract B. A portion of the east half of the northeast quarter of section 4, township 17 south, range 29 east, Mount Diablo meridian, Tulare County, California, comprising approximately thirty-eight acres.

Tract C. A portion of the south half of tract 37, township 17 south, range 29 east, Mount Diablo meridian, Tulare County, California, comprising approximately sixty one-hundredths acre.

Title.

The owners of the lands to be conveyed to the United States, before any exchange is effective, shall furnish to the Secretary of the Interior evidence satisfactory to him of title to such lands. Such property shall become a part of the Sequoia National Park upon the acceptance of title thereto by the Secretary, and shall thereafter be subject to all laws and regulations applicable to the park.

Lands in exchange.

SEC. 2. That in exchange for the conveyance to the United States of tract A, as provided in section 1 of this Act, the Secretary is authorized, in his discretion, to patent to the owner of tract A, subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary may deem necessary, certain lands of approximately equal value described as follows:

Tract D. A portion of the southeast quarter of section 33, township 16 south, range 29 east, Mount Diablo meridian, Tulare County, California, comprising approximately two and fifty one-hundredths acres.

In exchange for the conveyance to the United States of tracts B and C, as provided in section 1 of this Act, the Secretary is authorized to patent, in a similar manner, to the owner of tracts B and C certain lands of approximately equal value described as follows:

Tract E. The southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 4, which shall be subject to section 24 of the Federal Power Act (16 U. S. C., sec. 818); the south half of the northeast quarter of section 5; and approximately sixty-eight acres of the north half of the southeast quarter of section 5, which shall not include the surveyed two-hundred-foot strip as shown on map "D" of exhibit "K", entitled "Detailed Map of Kaweah Project of the Southern California Edison Company, Ltd.", and filed in the office of the Federal Power Commission on December 12, 1923; all of said lands in tract E being situated in township 17 south, range 29 east, Mount Diablo meridian, comprising approximately one hundred and eighty-eight acres.

41 Stat. 1075.  
16 U. S. C., Supp.  
II, § 818.

Southern California  
Edison Company.

SEC. 3. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to alter or affect in any manner the provisions, or extend the term, of the permit heretofore granted to the Southern California Edison Company and predecessors thereof for the use of lands in the Sequoia National Park for electric power development purposes, or to relieve the company of any financial or other obligation under said permit, or under agreements or orders relating or supplementary thereto.

Approved December 21, 1943.