

lands relinquished, from the vacant, unappropriated, nonmineral public lands, within the State of Utah, such lieu selections to be made in the manner provided in the enabling Act pertaining to said State, except as to the payment of fees or commissions, which are hereby waived. The value of improvements owned by the State on lands relinquished to the United States for the benefit of said Indians shall be taken into consideration and full credit in the form of lands shall be allowed therefor. Any funds now or hereafter on deposit in the United States Treasury to the credit of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, Utah, are hereby made available, and with the consent of the Uintah and Ouray Tribal Business Committee, may be expended for the purchase of privately owned and State-owned lands, including the improvements thereon, and improvements heretofore placed on public lands, together with water rights and water holes, within said boundary. The title to lands purchased under this authorization may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, be taken for the surface only. Title to any lands and rights acquired hereunder shall be taken in the name of the United States in trust for the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, Utah, and such lands or rights shall be exempt from State or local taxation.

Judgments against U. S.; offset. **SEC. 4.** In any suit now pending or hereafter brought against the United States by the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, or by any one or more of the separate bands comprising said Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, in the Court of Claims, the Indian Claims Commission or before any other tribunal, the United States may claim, as an offset against any judgment recovered therein, the fair market value as of the date of this Act of any interest in public lands conveyed by section 1 hereof, and any improvements thereon, and the fair market value as of the date of the transfer of title of the lands and improvements which may be relinquished by the State of Utah to the United States under section 3 of this Act. The validity and amount of any such claim shall be determined by the court, commission, or tribunal in conformity with the provisions of section 2 of the Act of August 13, 1946 (60 Stat. 1049, 1050).

25 U. S. C. § 70a.

Approved March 11, 1948.

[CHAPTER 109]

AN ACT

March 11, 1948
[H. R. 4023]
[Public Law 441]

To authorize the establishment of the De Soto National Memorial, in the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

De Soto National Memorial, Fla.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of establishing an appropriate memorial to Hernando De Soto, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized, in his discretion, to acquire on behalf of the United States, by donation, by purchase with donated funds when purchaseable at prices deemed by him reasonable, or by condemnation with donated funds, such lands and interests in land within an area of not to exceed twenty-five acres as he may select in the vicinity of Tampa Bay and Bradenton, Florida, and to construct thereon a suitable memorial structure, together with such connecting roads and public facilities as may be desirable.

Publication of order in Federal Register.

SEC. 2. Upon a determination by the Secretary of the Interior that sufficient land has been acquired by the United States for the memorial, such property shall be established as the "De Soto National Memorial", and shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior, through the National Park Service, for the benefit of the people of the United States. An order of the Secretary of the Interior, constituting notice of such establishment, shall be published in the Federal Register.

Insofar as applicable and not in conflict with this Act, the Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535), providing for the establishment of a National Park Service, as amended and supplemented, shall govern the promotion and development of the national memorial.

16 U. S. C. §§ 1-4,
22, 43.

SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums, not to exceed \$25,000, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Appropriation au-
thorized.

Approved March 11, 1948.

[CHAPTER 115]

AN ACT

To provide for the preservation of the frigate Constellation and to authorize the disposition of certain replaced parts of such vessel as souvenirs, and for other purposes.

March 13, 1948
[S. 1796]
[Public Law 442]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to repair, equip, and restore the frigate Constellation, as far as may be practicable, to her original condition, but not for active service, and to accept and use any donations or contributions which may be offered for the aforesaid purpose. Except so far as is necessary to incur expense to carry out the provisions of section 2 of this Act, no action shall be taken to repair, equip, or restore such frigate until the Department of the Navy shall have received by donation or contribution, or by sales made pursuant to section 2 of this Act, a sum not less than 75 per centum of the estimated cost of said restoration as certified by the Secretary of the Navy. The Secretary's certification will include the cost of all repairs and equipment, and will exclude the pay and allowances of naval officers and enlisted men engaged in the restoration.

Frigate Constella-
tion.
Restoration.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Navy is hereby further authorized to give or to sell, under such regulations as he may prescribe, such parts or pieces, including rigging, of the frigate Constellation, as are suitable for use as relics, souvenirs, or mementos, and which cannot profitably or advantageously be used in restoring this vessel to original condition, to clubs, associations, or individuals making donations or contributions for the restoration of the frigate Constellation. The cost of converting the aforesaid material into relics, souvenirs, or mementos shall be charged against, and the proceeds of such sales shall be added to, the fund created by authority of this Act.

Relics, souvenirs,
etc.

Approved March 13, 1948.

[CHAPTER 117]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the construction and operation of demonstration plants to produce synthetic liquid fuels from coal, oil shale, agricultural and forestry products, and other substances, in order to aid the prosecution of the war, to conserve and increase the oil resources of the Nation, and for other purposes", approved April 5, 1944 (58 Stat. 190).

March 15, 1948
[H. R. 2161]
[Public Law 443]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of April 5, 1944 (58 Stat. 190), is amended by changing the words "five years", in the first sentence, to read "eight years", and by changing the numeral "\$30,000,000" in section 6 to read "\$60,000,000" and by adding to section 1 of the Act the following: "and that not to exceed \$1,000,000 of the amount authorized by this Act may be applied to a program of production research on secondary recovery from stripper oil fields and in refining processes".

Synthetic liquid
fuels.
30 U. S. C. § 321.

58 Stat. 191.
30 U. S. C. § 321
note.

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