

struction, operation and maintenance of the dam and reservoir: *Provided further*, That the foregoing authorization shall be in addition to authorizations heretofore made for appropriations for flood-control projects for the Department of the Army.

SEC. 4. The sale, transfer, assignment, grant, or conveyance to the Grand River Dam Authority of such land, easements and flowage rights owned by the United States of America as may be necessary for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Markham Ferry project by the Grand River Dam Authority is hereby authorized and directed. The conveyance of such lands or interests therein shall be made by the Secretary of the Army, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law or requirement to the contrary. Other officials having jurisdiction over such lands are authorized and directed to transfer custody of such land to the Secretary of the Army. Reimbursement for the fair market value of said lands will be made by the Chief of Engineers from funds appropriated pursuant to this Act. No such conveyance shall be made until funds have been appropriated pursuant to section 3 of this Act and until a license for the Markham Ferry project has been issued by the Federal Power Commission. In addition to the foregoing monetary contribution, the Secretary of the Army is authorized and directed to transfer engineering data including maps, survey reports and data, drilling records and designs as will be of value to the Grand River Dam Authority in planning, construction, maintenance, and operation of the Markham Ferry project.

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Conveyance.

Reimbursement.

FPC license.

Engineering data.

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CHAPTER 462

AN ACT

To amend section 67 of the National Defense Act, as amended, to provide for an active-duty status for all United States property and fiscal officers.

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[S. 2217]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the third paragraph of section 67 of the National Defense Act, as amended (32 U. S. C. 49), is amended to read as follows:

U. S. property and fiscal officers.

39 Stat. 200.

“PROPERTY AND FISCAL OFFICERS.—The Governor of each State and Territory and the Commanding General of the National Guard of the District of Columbia shall appoint, designate, or detail, subject to the approval of the Secretaries of the Army and Air Force, a qualified officer of the National Guard of the United States or the Air National Guard of the United States, who is an officer of the National Guard or Air National Guard of the State, Territory, or District of Columbia and who shall be the United States property and fiscal officer. The President may with the consent of the officer concerned, if such officer is not on active duty, order him to active duty to serve as United States property and fiscal officer of the State, Territory, or the District of Columbia, for which appointed, designated or detailed, and, upon relief from assignment as United States property and fiscal officer, he shall revert to his National Guard or Air National Guard status. The United States property and fiscal officer shall receipt and account for all funds and property belonging to the United States in possession of the National Guard or Air National Guard of the State, Territory, or the District of Columbia, and shall make such returns and reports pertaining thereto as may be required by the appropriate Secretary. Before entering upon his duties as property and fiscal officer he shall be required to give good and sufficient bond to the United States, the amount thereof to be determined by the Secretaries of the Army and the Air Force, for the faith-

ful performance of his duties and for the safekeeping and proper disposition of the Federal property entrusted to his care. He shall receive pay and allowances provided by law. The appropriate Secretary shall cause an inspection of the pertinent accounts and records of the United States property and fiscal officer to be made by an Inspector General of his Department at least once each year. The Secretaries shall make joint rules and regulations necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this section, which rules and regulations shall establish a maximum grade, not above colonel, for the United States property and fiscal officer of each State, Territory, and the District of Columbia, which grade shall be commensurate with the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the office.

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CHAPTER 463

AN ACT

July 6, 1954
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To authorize the negotiation and ratification of separate settlement contracts with the Sioux Indians of the Lower Brule and the Crow Creek Reservations in South Dakota for Indian lands and rights acquired by the United States for the Fort Randall Dam and Reservoir, Missouri River Development, to authorize a transfer of funds from the Secretary of Defense to the Secretary of the Interior and to authorize an appropriation for the removal from the taking area of the Fort Randall Dam and Reservoir, Missouri River Development, and the reestablishment of the Indians of the Yankton Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

Sioux Indians.
Settlement con-
tracts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, and the Secretary of the Interior, jointly representing the United States of America are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate separate contracts containing the provisions outlined in this Act with the Sioux Indians of the Lower Brule Reservation, South Dakota, and with the Sioux Indians of the Crow Creek Reservation, South Dakota, acting through representatives of each tribe appointed for such purpose by its tribal council.

Contract provi-
sions.

SEC. 2. The contract with each tribe negotiated pursuant to section 1 of this Act shall—

Oil and gas
rights.

(a) convey to the United States title to all tribal, allotted, assigned, and inherited lands or interests therein belonging to the Indians of the tribe, and title to all undivided interests in such allotted or inherited lands owned by non-Indians or by Indian nonmembers of the tribe, required by the United States for the reservoir to be created by the construction of the dams across the Missouri River in South Dakota, to be known as Fort Randall Dam, including such lands along the margins as may be required by the Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, for the protection, development, and use of said reservoir: *Provided*, That the contract may provide for retention by the owners of any oil and gas rights in such lands that are not needed by the United States for the protection of such dam and reservoir;

(b) provide for the payment of—

- (1) just compensation for the lands and improvements and interests therein conveyed by the contract;
- (2) costs of relocating the tribe and its members who reside upon the lands conveyed by the contract in a manner that will reestablish and protect their economic, social, religious, and community life;