

Lewis Flight Propulsion Laboratory, Cleveland, Ohio: Component research facility for nuclear propulsion, improvements to an existing transonic tunnel, additions to two existing laboratory buildings, repairs and modifications to utility installations, and acquisition of not to exceed 500 acres of land, \$8,760,000.

Pilotless Aircraft Station, Wallops Island, Virginia: Fuel-storage magazine, \$90,000.

Cost limitation.

SEC. 2. Any of the approximate costs enumerated in section 1 of this Act may, in the discretion of the Director of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, be varied upward 5 per centum to meet unusual cost variations, but the total cost of all work so enumerated shall not exceed \$13,300,000.

Appropriation.

SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$13,300,000 to accomplish the purposes of this Act.

Approved May 23, 1955.

Public Law 45

CHAPTER 76

AN ACT

May 25, 1955
[S. 1413]

To amend the Act establishing a Commission of Fine Arts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act establishing a Commission of Fine Arts", approved May 17, 1910 (40 U. S. C., secs. 104-106), is amended to read as follows:

36 Stat. 371.

"SEC. 2. That to meet the expenses made necessary by this Act an expenditure of not exceeding \$35,000 a year is hereby authorized."

Approved May 25, 1955.

Public Law 46

CHAPTER 105

AN ACT

May 27, 1955
[S. 1006]

To authorize the execution of agreements between agencies of the United States and other agencies and instrumentalities for mutual aid in fire protection, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That as used in this Act—

Fire protection agreements.

Definitions.

(a) The term "agency head" means the head of any executive department, military department, agency, or independent establishment in the executive branch of the Government;

(b) The term "fire protection" includes personal services and equipment required for fire prevention, the protection of life and property from fire, and fire fighting; and

(c) The term "fire organization" means any governmental entity or public or private corporation or association maintaining fire protection facilities within the United States, its Territories and possessions, and any governmental entity or public or private corporation or association which maintains fire protection facilities in any foreign country in the vicinity of any installation of the United States.

Agency head, authority.

SEC. 2. (a) Each agency head charged with the duty of providing fire protection for any property of the United States is authorized to enter into a reciprocal agreement, with any fire organization maintaining fire protection facilities in the vicinity of such property, for mutual aid in furnishing fire protection for such property and for other property for which such organization normally provides fire protection.

Each such agreement shall include a waiver by each party of all claims against every other party for compensation for any loss, damage, personal injury, or death occurring in consequence of the performance of such agreement. Any such agreement may provide for the reimbursement of any party for all or any part of the cost incurred by such party in furnishing fire protection for or on behalf of any other party.

(b) Any agreement heretofore executed which would have been authorized by this Act, if this Act had been in effect on the date of execution thereof, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

SEC. 3. In the absence of any agreement authorized or ratified by section 2, each agency head is authorized to render emergency assistance in extinguishing fires and in preserving life and property from fire, within the vicinity of any place at which such agency maintains fire-protection facilities, when the rendition of such assistance is determined, under regulations prescribed by the agency head, to be in the best interest of the United States.

Emergency assistance.

SEC. 4. Any service performed under section 2 or section 3 of this Act, by any officer or employee of the United States or any member of any armed force of the United States shall constitute service rendered in line of duty in such office, employment, or force. The performance of such service by any other individual shall not constitute such individual an officer or employee of the United States for the purposes of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act, as amended.

Service.

39 Stat. 742.
5 USC 751 note.

SEC. 5. Funds available to any agency head for fire protection on installations or in connection with activities under the jurisdiction of such agency may be used to carry out the purposes of this Act. All sums received by any agency head for fire protection rendered pursuant to this Act shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

Funds.

Approved May 27, 1955.

Public Law 47

CHAPTER 106

AN ACT

Relative to the exploration, location, and entry of mineral lands within the Papago Indian Reservation.

May 27, 1955
[H. R. 2682]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions with respect to subjection of mineral lands within the Papago Indian Reservation to exploration, location, and entry under the mining laws of the United States in the Executive order dated February 1, 1917, creating the Papago Indian Reservation, and in the third proviso in section 1 of the Act of February 21, 1931 (46 Stat. 1202), and the provisions of subsection (b) (1) and (2) and of the remainder, following the word "purposes," of subsection (b) (4) of section 3 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984; 25 U. S. C. 461-479), as amended by the Act of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 862, 863; 25 U. S. C. 463), are hereby repealed, all tribal lands within the Papago Indian Reservation are hereby withdrawn from all forms of exploration, location, and entry under such laws, the minerals underlying such lands are hereby made a part of the reservation to be held in trust by the United States for the Papago Indian Tribe, and such minerals shall be subject to lease for mining purposes pursuant to the provisions of the Act of May 11, 1938 (52 Stat. 347) : *Provided*, That the provisions of this Act shall not be applicable to lands within the Papago Indian Reservation for which a mineral patent has heretofore been issued or to a claim that has been

Papago Indian Reservation.

25 USC 396a-396f.