

for which an appropriation is made, such appropriation to be dispersed on voucher to be approved by the Chairman of the House delegation and the Chairman of the Senate delegation.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 3. The United States Group of the North Atlantic Treaty Parliamentary Conference shall submit to the Congress a report for each fiscal year for which an appropriation is made, including its expenditures under such appropriation.

Auditing and accounting.

SEC. 4. The certificate of the Chairman of the House delegation and the Senate delegation of the North Atlantic Treaty Parliamentary Conference shall hereafter be final and conclusive upon the accounting officers in the auditing of the accounts of the United States Group of the North Atlantic Treaty Parliamentary Conference.

Approved July 11, 1956.

Public Law 690

CHAPTER 563

July 11, 1956
[H. R. 6643]

AN ACT

To amend the reclamation laws to provide that excess lands acquired by foreclosure or inheritance may receive water temporarily for five years.

Excess lands.
Receipt of water temporarily.
43 USC 423e.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 46 of the Omnibus Adjustment Act of May 25, 1926 (44 Stat. 649; 43 U. S. C. 423 (e)) is amended by adding thereto after the words "land involved in such fraudulent sales:" and before the words "*Provided further*" the following: "*Provided, however,* That if excess land is acquired by foreclosure or other process of law, by conveyance in satisfaction of mortgages, by inheritance, or by devise, water therefor may be furnished temporarily for a period not exceeding five years from the effective date of such acquisition, delivery of water thereafter ceasing until the transfer thereof to a landowner duly qualified to secure water therefor:"

SEC. 2. Section 3 of the Act of August 9, 1912 (37 Stat. 266; 43 U. S. C. 544), is amended by deleting that portion reading "but any such excess land acquired at any time in good faith by descent, by will, or by foreclosure of any lien may be held for two years and no longer after its acquisition;" and adding in lieu thereof "but any such excess land acquired by foreclosure or other process of law, by conveyance in satisfaction of mortgages, by inheritance, or by devise, may be held for five years and no longer after its acquisition, and water may be temporarily furnished during that time;"

43 USC 371 note.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized, upon request of any holder of an existing contract under the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto), to amend the contract to conform to the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this Act.

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Public Law 691

CHAPTER 564

July 11, 1956
[H. R. 6850]

AN ACT

To create an academic advisory board for the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Merchant Marine Academy.
Advisory board.
46 USC 1126d.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Law 214, Eightieth Congress (61 Stat. 401), be amended to read as follows: "The Secretary of Commerce may appoint an advisory board to the

United States Merchant Marine Academy consisting of not more than seven persons of distinction in education and other fields relating to the purposes of the academy, who shall serve without pay. Members of the advisory board shall be appointed for terms of not to exceed three years and may be reappointed. The Secretary of Commerce shall, in June of each year, appoint one of the members to serve as chairman. The members so appointed shall visit the academy at least once during the academic year on the call of the chairman and may convene once each year in Washington, at the call of the Maritime Administrator, for the purpose of examining the course of instruction and the management of the academy and advising the Maritime Administrator, with a copy of such advice to the superintendent, relative thereto. The expenses of the board while engaged in these duties, including the expense of travel, shall be defrayed under Government travel regulations from any appropriation for the authorized work of the Maritime Administration."

Approved July 11, 1956.

Expenses.

Public Law 692

CHAPTER 565

AN ACT

July 11, 1956
[H. R. 8385]

To transfer certain responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior to the Public Housing Commissioner and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the authority, functions, obligations, and documents relating to Puerto Rican hurricane relief loans to individual coffee planters, coconut planters, fruitgrowers, or other agriculturists (45 Stat. 1067, and 45 Stat. 1627, as modified by 49 Stat. 926 and 49 Stat. 928), heretofore transferred to the Division of Territories and Island Possessions, Department of the Interior, pursuant to the public resolution of June 3, 1935 (49 Stat. 320), and to the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to Reorganization Plan Numbered 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), are hereby transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture. The authority of the Secretary of Agriculture described in the Act of December 20, 1944, and in section 41 (g) of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended (7 U. S. C., sec. 1015 (g)), is hereby extended, as additional authority, to apply to the obligations and documents transferred by this section.

Interior.
Transfer of responsibilities relating to Puerto Rico.

58 Stat. 836.
12 USC 1150 et seq.
Post, p. 803.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to sell to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico the obligations and documents transferred to him by section 1 hereof, for such consideration as may be consistent with the purposes of the resolution of Congress creating the Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief Commission.

Sale of obligations, Puerto Rico.

SEC. 3. There are hereby transferred to the Public Housing Commissioner all right, title, and interest, including contractual rights and reversionary interests, held by the Federal Government in and with respect to the apartment development in San Juan, Puerto Rico, known as the Falansterio Apartments, heretofore administered by the Secretary of the Interior. All of the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior under the private sales contract executed on July 1, 1948, by the United States, represented by the Assistant Administrator of the Puerto Rico Reconstruction Administration, and the Cooperative Association of the Falansterio, and transferred to the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to Reorganization Plan Numbered 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), are hereby transferred to the Public Housing Commissioner. If, under the terms of the private sales contract or

Falansterio Apartments.

Public Housing Commissioner.
Powers, etc.