

[CHAPTER 251]

AN ACT

May 13, 1946
[S. 2]
[Public Law 377]

To provide Federal aid for the development of public airports.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SHORT TITLE

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Federal Airport Act".

PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICATION

Definitions

SEC. 2. (a) As used in this Act—

- "Administrator." (1) "Administrator" means the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics.
- "Airport." (2) "Airport" means any area of land or water which is used, or intended for use, for the landing and take-off of aircraft, and any appurtenant areas which are used, or intended for use, for airport buildings or other airport facilities or rights-of-way, together with all airport buildings and facilities located thereon.
- "Airport development." (3) "Airport development" means (A) any work involved in constructing, improving, or repairing a public airport or portion thereof, including the construction, alteration, and repair of airport administrative buildings and the removal, lowering, relocation, and marking and lighting of airport hazards, and (B) any acquisition of land or of any interest therein, or of any easement through or other interest in air space, which is necessary to permit any such work or to remove or mitigate, or prevent or limit the establishment of, airport hazards; but such term does not include the construction, alteration, or repair of airport hangars.
- Airport hangars. (4) "Airport hazard" means any structure or object of natural growth located on or in the vicinity of a public airport, or any use of land near such airport, which obstructs the air space required for the flight of aircraft in landing or taking off at such airport or is otherwise hazardous to such landing or taking off of aircraft.
- "Airport hazard." (5) "Project" means a project for the accomplishment of airport development with respect to a particular airport.
- "Project." (6) "Project costs" means any costs involved in accomplishing a project under this Act, including those of making field surveys, preparation of plans and specifications, supervision and inspection of construction work, procurement of the accomplishment of such work by contract, and acquisition of land or interests therein or easements through or other interests in air space, and also including administrative and other incidental costs incurred specifically in connection with the accomplishment of a project, and which would not have been incurred otherwise.
- "Project costs." (7) "Public agency" means the United States Government or an agency thereof; a State, the Territory of Alaska, the Territory of Hawaii, or Puerto Rico, or an agency of any of them; a municipality or other political subdivision; or a tax-supported organization.
- "Public agency." (8) "Public airport" means any airport which is used or to be used for public purposes, under the control of a public agency, the landing area of which is publicly owned.
- "Public airport." (9) "Sponsor" means any public agency which, either individually or jointly with one or more other public agencies, submits to the Administrator, in accordance with this Act, an application for a grant of funds for airport development.
- "Sponsor."

(10) "United States share" means that portion of the project costs of approved projects under this Act which is to be paid from appropriations made under authority of this Act.

"United States share."

(11) "Military and naval aircraft" means aircraft owned and operated by the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States Coast Guard, or the United States Marine Corps.

"Military and naval aircraft."

(12) "State" means a State of the United States or the District of Columbia.

"State."

Airport Classifications

(b) For purposes of this Act, a project shall be considered one for development of an airport of a certain class if upon completion of the airport development proposed, the airport so developed would be properly classifiable as of that class according to the airport classification standards of the Administrator stated in Civil Aeronautics Administration Bulletin "Airport Design" dated April 1, 1944.

NATIONAL AIRPORT PLAN

Formulation of Plan

SEC. 3. (a) The Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to prepare, and revise annually, a national plan for the development of public airports in the United States, including the Territory of Alaska, the Territory of Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. Such plan shall specify, in terms of general location and type of development, the projects considered by the Administrator to be necessary to provide a system of public airports adequate to anticipate and meet the needs of civil aeronautics. In formulating and revising such plan, the Administrator shall take into account the needs of both air commerce and private flying, the probable technological developments in the science of aeronautics, the probable growth and requirements of civil aeronautics, and such other considerations as he may deem appropriate, and shall, to the extent feasible, consult, and give consideration to the views and recommendations of, the Civil Aeronautics Board, the States, the Territories, and Puerto Rico, and their political subdivisions, and shall, to the extent feasible, consult, and give consideration to the views and recommendations of, the Federal Communications Commission, and shall make all reasonable efforts to cooperate with that Commission for the purpose of eliminating, preventing, or minimizing airport hazards caused by construction or operation of any radio station. In carrying out this section the Administrator is authorized to make such surveys, studies, examinations, and investigations as he may deem necessary.

Preparation and annual revision.

Consultations.

Hazards caused by radio stations.

Surveys, etc.

Consultation with War and Navy Departments

(b) In carrying out this section the Administrator shall also consider the views and recommendations of the War and Navy Departments to the end that the airport development included in such plan may be as useful for national defense as is feasible, and shall ascertain from such Departments the extent to which military and naval airports and airport facilities will be available for civil use. The War and Navy Departments shall consider the views and recommendations of the Administrator to the end that military and naval airports and airport facilities may be made available for civil use to such extent as is feasible.

FEDERAL-AID AIRPORT PROGRAM

SEC. 4. In order to bring about, in conformity with the national airport plan prepared and from time to time revised as provided in this

Grants of funds.

Act, the establishment of a Nation-wide system of public airports adequate to meet the present and future needs of civil aeronautics, the Administrator is authorized, within the limits of available appropriations made therefor by the Congress, to make grants of funds to sponsors for airport development as hereinafter provided.

Authorizations.
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APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriation for Preliminary Expenses

Planning and surveys.

SEC. 5. (a) In addition to amounts hereinafter authorized to be appropriated for administrative expenses, the sum of \$3,000,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated immediately upon the enactment of this Act for expenses of preliminary planning and surveys incident to the initiation of the airport program provided for by this Act, including administrative expenses, which sum shall remain available until expended.

Annual Appropriations for Projects in States

Planning and research.

(b) For the purpose of carrying out this Act with respect to projects in the several States, annual appropriations amounting in the aggregate to \$500,000,000 are hereby authorized to be made to the Administrator over a period of seven fiscal years, beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947. The appropriation for any such fiscal year shall not exceed \$100,000,000 and shall remain available until June 30, 1953, unless sooner expended. Not to exceed 5 per centum of any such annual appropriation, as specified in the Act making such appropriation, shall be available to the Administrator for necessary planning and research and for administrative expenses incident to the administration of this Act in the several States; except that if 5 per centum of the appropriation for any fiscal year is less than \$3,500,000, or if there is no appropriation for such fiscal year, not to exceed \$3,500,000 in the aggregate may be made available to the Administrator, for such fiscal year, for such planning and research and administrative expenses. Any amounts made available to the Administrator for such planning and research and administrative expenses shall be deducted for purposes of determining the amounts available for grants for projects in the several States.

Annual Appropriations for Projects in Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico

Planning and research.

(c) For the purpose of carrying out this Act with respect to projects in the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, and in Puerto Rico, annual appropriations amounting in the aggregate to \$20,000,000 are hereby authorized to be made to the Administrator over a period of seven fiscal years beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947. The appropriation for any such fiscal year shall remain available until June 30, 1953, unless sooner expended. Not to exceed 5 per centum of any such annual appropriation, as specified in the Act making such appropriation, shall be available to the Administrator for necessary planning and research and for administrative expenses incident to the administration of this Act with respect to projects in the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, and in Puerto Rico; and the amount so available shall be deducted from such appropriation for purposes of determining the amount thereof available for grants for projects therein. Of the total amount available for such grants, 50 per centum shall be available for projects in the Territory of Alaska,

25 per centum shall be available for projects in the Territory of Hawaii, and 25 per centum shall be available for projects in Puerto Rico.

Administrative Expenses

(d) As used in this section, the term "administrative expenses" includes expenses under this Act of the character specified in section 204 of the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 49, sec. 424).

52 Stat. 983.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS IN STATES

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Apportionment of Funds

SEC. 6. (a) As soon as possible after any appropriation is made under section 5 (b), 75 per centum of the amount thereof available for grants for projects in the several States shall be apportioned by the Administrator among the several States, one-half in the proportion which the population of each State bears to the total population of all the States, and one-half in the proportion which the area of each State bears to the total area of all the States. All sums so apportioned for a State shall be available only to pay the United States share of the allowable project costs of approved projects located in that State, or sponsored by that State or some public agency thereof but located in an adjoining State. Upon making an apportionment as provided in this subsection, the Administrator shall inform the executive head of each State, and any public agency which has requested such information, as to the sums apportioned for each State. As used in this subsection the term "population" means the population according to the latest decennial census of the United States and the term "area" includes both land and water.

"Population."

"Area."

Discretionary Fund

(b) (1) All moneys appropriated under section 5 (b) which are available for grants for projects in the several States, and which are not apportioned as provided in subsection (a) of this section, shall constitute a discretionary fund.

(2) The moneys in such discretionary fund shall be available to pay the United States share of the allowable project costs of such approved projects in the several States as the Administrator may deem most appropriate for carrying out the national airport plan, regardless of the States in which they are located. The Administrator shall give consideration, in determining the projects for which the moneys in such fund are to be so used, to the existing airport facilities in the several States and to the need for or lack of development of airport facilities in the several States.

U. S. share of costs.

(3) The moneys in such discretionary fund shall also be available to pay the United States share of the allowable project costs of such approved projects in national parks and national recreation areas, national monuments, and national forests, sponsored by the United States or any agency thereof, as the Administrator may deem appropriate for carrying out the national airport plan; but no other funds appropriated under authority of this Act shall be available for such purpose. The sponsor's share of the project costs of any such approved project shall be paid only out of funds contributed to the sponsor for the purpose of paying such costs (receipt of which funds and their use for this purpose is hereby authorized) or appropriations specifically authorized therefor.

National parks, etc.

Sponsor's share of costs.

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR PROJECTS IN ALASKA, HAWAII, AND PUERTO RICO

SEC. 7. All funds available for grants for projects in the Territory of Alaska, in the Territory of Hawaii, or in Puerto Rico, respectively, shall be available to pay the United States share of the allowable project costs of such approved projects therein as the Administrator may deem most appropriate for carrying out the national airport plan.

CONDITION PRECEDENT TO DEVELOPMENT OF LARGER AIRPORTS

Request for author-
ity.

Determination of
projects.

Granting of funds.

SEC. 8. At least two months prior to the close of each fiscal year, the Administrator shall submit to the Congress a request for authority to undertake during the next fiscal year those of the projects for the development of class 4 and larger airports, included in the then current revision of the national airport plan formulated by him under this Act, which, in his opinion, should be undertaken during that fiscal year, together with an estimate of the Federal funds required to pay the United States share of the allowable project costs of such projects. In determining which projects to include in such a request, the Administrator shall consider, among other things, the relative aeronautical need for and urgency of the projects included in the plan and the likelihood of securing satisfactory sponsorship of such projects. In granting any funds that thereafter may be appropriated to pay the United States share of allowable project costs during the next fiscal year, the Administrator may consider such appropriation as granting the authority requested unless a contrary intent shall have been manifested by the Congress by law or by concurrent resolution, and no such grants shall be made unless so authorized.

SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF PROJECTS

Submission

Application by pub-
lic agency.

SEC. 9. (a) Subject to the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, any public agency, or two or more public agencies acting jointly, may submit to the Administrator a project application in such form, and containing such supporting information, as may be prescribed by the Administrator and setting forth the airport development proposed to be undertaken. No project application shall propose airport development other than that included in the then current revision of the national airport plan formulated by the Administrator under this Act, and all such proposed development shall be in accordance with standards established by the Administrator, including standards for site location, airport layout, grading, drainage, seeding, paving, lighting, and safety of approaches.

Applications by Public Agencies Whose Powers Are Limited by State Law

(b) Nothing in this Act shall authorize the submission of a project application by any municipality or other public agency which is subject to the law of any State if the submission of such project application by such municipality or other public agency is prohibited by the law of such State.

Applications by Federal Agencies

(c) Nothing in this Act shall authorize the submission of a project application by the United States or any agency thereof, except in the case of a project in the Territory of Alaska, the Territory of Hawaii, or Puerto Rico, or in a national park or national recreation area, a national monument, or a national forest.

Approval

(d) All such projects shall be subject to the approval of the Administrator, which approval shall be given only if, at the time of approval, funds are available for payment of the United States share of the allowable project costs, and only if he is satisfied that the project will contribute to the accomplishment of the purposes of this Act, that sufficient funds are available for that portion of the project costs which is not to be paid by the United States under this Act, that the project will be completed without undue delay, that the public agency or public agencies which submitted the project application have legal authority to engage in the airport development as proposed, and that all project sponsorship requirements prescribed by or under the authority of this Act have been or will be met. No project shall be approved by the Administrator with respect to any airport unless a public agency holds good title, satisfactory to the Administrator, to the landing area of such airport or the site therefor, or gives assurance satisfactory to the Administrator that such title will be acquired.

Hearings

(e) Project applications shall be matters of public record in the office of the Administrator. Any public agency, person, association, firm, or corporation having a substantial interest in the disposition of any application by the Administrator may file with the Administrator a memorandum in support of or in opposition to such application; and any such agency, person, association, firm, or corporation shall be accorded, upon request, a public hearing with respect to the location of any airport the development of which is proposed. The Administrator is authorized to prescribe regulations governing such public hearings, and such regulations may prescribe a reasonable time within which requests for public hearings shall be made and such other reasonable requirements as may be necessary to avoid undue delay in disposing of project applications.

UNITED STATES SHARE OF PROJECT COSTS

General Provision

SEC. 10. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this section, the United States share payable on account of any approved project under this Act shall be—

(1) in the case of a project for the development of a class 3 or smaller airport, 50 per centum of the allowable project costs of the project;

Class 3 project.

(2) in the case of a project for the development of a class 4 or larger airport, such portion of the allowable project costs of the project (not to exceed 50 per centum) as the Administrator may deem appropriate for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Class 4 project.

Projects in Public Land States

(b) In the case of any State containing unappropriated and unreserved public lands and nontaxable Indian lands (individual and tribal) exceeding 5 per centum of the total area of all lands therein, the United States share under subsection (a) (1), and the maximum United States share under subsection (a) (2), shall be increased by whichever is the smaller of the following percentages thereof: (1) 25 per centum, or (2) a percentage equal to one-half the percentage that the area of all such lands in such State is of its total area.

Projects in Alaska

(c) The United States share payable on account of any approved project in the Territory of Alaska shall be such portion of the allowable project costs of the project (not less than 50 per centum in the case of a class 3 or smaller airport, and not to exceed 75 per centum in the case of an airport of any class) as the Administrator may deem appropriate for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Acquisitions of Land and Interests in Air Space

(d) To the extent that the project costs of an approved project represent the cost of acquiring land or interests therein or easements through or other interests in air space, the United States share (1) in the case of a project for the development of a class 3 or smaller airport, shall be 25 per centum of the allowable costs of such acquisition, and (2) in the case of a project for the development of a class 4 or larger airport, shall be not to exceed 25 per centum of the allowable costs of such acquisition.

PROJECT SPONSORSHIP

SEC. 11. As a condition precedent to his approval of a project under this Act, the Administrator shall receive assurances in writing, satisfactory to him, that—

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| Public use. | (1) the airport to which the project relates will be available for public use on fair and reasonable terms and without unjust discrimination; |
| Operation and maintenance. | (2) such airport and all facilities thereon or connected therewith will be suitably operated and maintained, with due regard to climatic and flood conditions; |
| Aerial approaches. | (3) the aerial approaches to such airport will be adequately cleared and protected by removing, lowering, relocating, marking, or lighting or otherwise mitigating existing airport hazards and by preventing the establishment or creation of future airport hazards; |
| Use by military and naval aircraft. | (4) all the facilities of the airport developed with Federal aid and all those usable for the landing and take-off of aircraft will be available to the United States for use by military and naval aircraft in common with other aircraft at all times without charge, except, if the use by military and naval aircraft shall be substantial, a reasonable share, proportional to such use, of the cost of operating and maintaining the facilities so used; |
| Space for traffic control. | (5) the airport operator or owner will furnish to any civil agency of the Government, without charge (except for light, heat, janitor service, and similar facilities and services at the reasonable cost thereof), such space in airport buildings as may be reasonably adequate for use in connection with any air traffic control activities, or weather-reporting activities and communications activities related to air traffic control, which such agency may deem it necessary to establish and maintain at the airport; |
| Accounts and records. | (6) all project accounts and records will be kept in accordance with a standard system of accounting prescribed by the Administrator after consultation with appropriate public agencies; |
| Reports. | (7) the airport operator or owner will submit to the Administrator such annual or special airport financial and operations reports as the Administrator may reasonably request; and |
| Inspection of records. | (8) the airport and all airport records will be available for inspection by any duly authorized agent of the Administrator upon reasonable request. |

To insure compliance with this section, the Administrator shall prescribe such project sponsorship requirements, consistent with the terms of this Act, as he may deem necessary. Among other steps to insure such compliance the Administrator is authorized to enter into contracts with public agencies, on behalf of the United States.

Prescribed requirements.

GRANT AGREEMENTS

SEC. 12. Upon approving a project the Administrator, on behalf of the United States, shall transmit to the sponsor or sponsors of the project an offer to pay the United States share of the allowable project costs of such project. Any such offer shall be made upon such terms, and subject to such conditions, as the Administrator may deem necessary to meet the requirements of this Act and the regulations prescribed thereunder. Each such offer shall state a definite amount as the maximum obligation of the United States payable from funds appropriated under authority of this Act, and shall stipulate the obligations to be assumed by the sponsor or sponsors of the project. If and when any such offer is accepted in writing by the sponsor or sponsors to which it is made, such offer and acceptance shall comprise a grant agreement constituting an obligation of the United States and of the sponsor or sponsors so accepting, and thereafter the amount stated in the accepted offer as the maximum obligation of the United States under such grant agreement shall not be increased. Unless and until such a grant agreement has been executed with respect to a project, the United States shall not pay, nor be obligated to pay, any portion of the project costs which have been or may be incurred in carrying out that project.

Offer to pay U. S. share.

ALLOWABLE PROJECT COSTS

SEC. 13. Except as provided in section 14, the United States shall not pay, or be obligated to pay, from amounts appropriated to carry out the provisions of this Act, any portion of a project cost incurred in carrying out a project unless the Administrator has first determined that such cost is allowable. A project cost shall be allowable if—

(1) it was a necessary cost incurred in accomplishing airport development in conformity with approved plans and specifications for an approved project and with the terms and conditions of the grant agreement entered into in connection with such project;

Conformity with approved plans.

(2) it was incurred subsequent to the execution of the grant agreement with respect to the project, and in connection with airport development accomplished under such project after the execution of such grant agreement: *Provided, however,* That the allowable costs of a project may include any necessary costs of formulating the project (including those of field surveys and the preparation of plans and specifications, including costs of acquiring land or interests therein or easements through or other interests in air space, and including any necessary administrative or other incidental costs incurred by the sponsor specifically in connection with the accomplishment of the project, which would not have been incurred otherwise) which were incurred subsequent to the enactment of this Act; and

Incurrence after execution of grant agreement.

(3) it is reasonable in amount, in the opinion of the Administrator: *Provided,* That if the Administrator determines that a project cost is unreasonable in amount, he shall allow, as an allowable project cost under this section, only such amount of such

Reasonable amount.

Auditing.

project cost as he determines to be reasonable and no project costs in excess of the definite amount stated in the grant agreement shall be allowable.

The Administrator is authorized to prescribe such regulations, including regulations with respect to the auditing of project costs, as he may deem necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section.

PAYMENTS

Determination of times and amounts.

SEC. 14. The Administrator, after consultation with the sponsor or sponsors with which a grant agreement has been entered into, shall determine at what times, and in what amounts, payments shall be made under this Act. The aggregate of such payments at any time with respect to a particular project shall not exceed a percentage of the project costs of the airport development which has been performed up to that time (and which the sponsor or sponsors to which the payments are to be made certify to have been performed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications for such project), equal to the percentage of the allowable project costs of the project determined to be the United States share of such costs; and if the Administrator shall determine at any time that the aggregate of such payments exceeds the United States share of the allowable project costs of such project the United States shall be entitled to recover such excess. Such payments shall be made to such official or officials or depository, authorized by law to receive public funds, as may be designated by the sponsor or sponsors entitled to such payments.

PERFORMANCE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK

Regulations of the Administrator

SEC. 15. (a) The construction work on any approved project shall be subject to inspection and approval by the Administrator and in accordance with regulations prescribed by him. Such regulations shall require such cost and progress reporting by the sponsor or sponsors of such project as the Administrator shall deem necessary. No such regulation shall have the effect of altering any contract in connection with any project entered into without actual notice of the regulation.

Minimum Rates of Wages

(b) All contracts for work on projects approved under this Act which involves labor shall contain provisions establishing minimum rates of wages, to be predetermined by the Secretary of Labor, which contractors shall pay to skilled and unskilled labor, and such minimum rates shall be stated in the invitation for bids and shall be included in proposals or bids for the work.

Other Provisions as to Labor

(c) All contracts for work on projects approved under this Act which involves labor shall contain such provisions as are necessary to insure (1) that no convict labor shall be employed; and (2) that in the employment of labor (except in executive, administrative, and supervisory positions), preference shall be given, where they are qualified, to individuals who have served as persons in the military service of the United States (as defined in section 101 (1) of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940), and who have been honorably discharged from such service: *Provided*, That such preference shall apply only where such labor is available and qualified to perform the work to which the employment relates.

54 Stat. 1179.
50 U. S. C. app.
§ 511 (1); Supp. V, app.
§ 511 note.

USE OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED LANDS

Requests for Use

SEC. 16. (a) Whenever the Administrator determines that use of any lands owned or controlled by the United States is reasonably necessary for carrying out a project under this Act, or for the operation of any public airport, he shall file with the head of the department or agency having control of such lands a request that such property interest therein as he may deem necessary be conveyed to the public agency sponsoring the project in question or owning or controlling the airport. Such property interest may consist of the title to or any other interest in land or any easement through or other interest in air space.

Making of Conveyances

(b) Upon receipt of a request from the Administrator under this section, the head of the department or agency having control of the lands in question shall determine whether the requested conveyance is inconsistent with the needs of the department or agency, and shall notify the Administrator of his determination within a period of four months after receipt of the Administrator's request. If such department or agency head determines that the requested conveyance is not inconsistent with the needs of that department or agency, such department or agency head is hereby authorized and directed, with the approval of the President and the Attorney General of the United States, and without any expense to the United States, to perform any acts and to execute any instruments necessary to make the conveyance requested; but each such conveyance shall be made on the condition that the property interest conveyed shall automatically revert to the United States in the event that the lands in question are not developed, or cease to be used, for airport purposes.

Condition.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR DAMAGE BY FEDERAL AGENCIES TO PUBLIC AIRPORTS

Submission and Determination of Claims

SEC. 17. (a) Reimbursement shall be made to public agencies, as provided in this section, for the necessary rehabilitation or repair of public airports heretofore or hereafter substantially damaged by any Federal agency. The Administrator is authorized on behalf of the United States to consider, ascertain, adjust, and determine in accordance with regulations he shall prescribe pursuant to this section, any claim submitted by any public agency for reimbursement of the cost of necessary rehabilitation or repair of a public airport, under the control or management of such public agency, substantially damaged by any Federal agency.

Certification of Claims to Congress

(b) Such amount as may be found to be due to any claimant under this section shall be certified by the Administrator to Congress as a claim against the United States, and appropriations for payment of such claims are hereby authorized to be made. Such certification shall include a brief statement of the character of each claim, the amount claimed, and the amount allowed.

Limitation on Submission of Claims

(c) No claim shall be considered by the Administrator pursuant to this section unless such claim has been presented to him within six months after the occurrence of the damage upon which the claim

is based, except that in case of damage caused by operations of a military nature during time of war such notice may be filed within sixty days after termination of the war.

REPORTS TO CONGRESS

SEC. 18. On or before the third day of January of each year the Administrator shall make a report to the Congress describing his operations under this Act during the preceding fiscal year, including detailed statements of the airport development accomplished, the status of each project undertaken, the allocation of appropriations, and itemized statements of expenditures and receipts, and setting forth his recommendations, if any, for legislation amending or supplementing this Act.

FALSE STATEMENTS

SEC. 19. Any officer, agent, or employee of the United States, or any officer, agent, or employee of any public agency, or any person, association, firm, or corporation who shall knowingly make any false statement, false representation, or false report as to the character, quality, quantity, or cost of the material used or to be used, or the quantity or quality of the work performed or to be performed, or the costs thereof, in connection with the submission of plans, maps, specifications, contracts, or estimates of project costs for any project submitted to the Administrator for approval under this Act or shall knowingly make any false statement, false representation, or false report or claim for work or materials for any project approved by the Administrator under this Act, or shall knowingly make any false statement or false representation in any report required to be made under this Act, with the intent to defraud the United States shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not to exceed five years or by a fine of not to exceed \$10,000, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Penalty.

EXISTING AIRPORT PROGRAMS

SEC. 20. Nothing in this Act shall affect the carrying out of the program for the development of public landing areas necessary for national defense, authorized by the Department of Commerce Appropriation Act, 1946, or the program for the development of civil landing areas, authorized by the First Supplemental National Defense Appropriation Act, 1944, which programs shall be additional to the Federal-aid airport program authorized by this Act.

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[CHAPTER 252]

AN ACT

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To provide reimbursement for personal property lost, damaged, or destroyed as the result of explosions at the naval ammunition depot, Hastings, Nebraska, on April 6, 1944, and September 15, 1944.

Navy.
Payment of damage
claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sum or sums, amounting in the aggregate not to exceed \$25,000, as may be required by the Secretary of the Navy to pay claims, including those of naval and civilian personnel of the Naval Establishment, for privately owned property lost, damaged, or destroyed as the result of explosions at the naval ammunition depot, Hastings,