

Public Law 103-175
103d Congress

An Act

Dec. 2, 1993
[S. 433]

To authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF LANDS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to the limitations set forth in this section, the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) is directed to convey by quitclaim deed and without monetary consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to certain lands located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, described as section 32, Township 15 south, Range 10 West, Louisiana Meridian, as depicted on the official plat of survey on file with the Bureau of Land Management, to the West Cameron Port Commission for use as a public port facility or for other public purposes. As used in this subsection, the term “other public purposes” means governmental or public welfare purposes (including, but not limited, to schools and roads) within the authority of a unit of local government under the laws of the State of Louisiana, and includes a commercial use by the West Cameron Port Authority of lands conveyed by the United States pursuant to this Act so long as the revenue from such use is devoted to such governmental or public welfare purposes.

(b) **RESERVATION OF MINERALS.**—The United States hereby excepts and reserves from the provisions of subsection (a) all minerals underlying the lands, including the right to enter and remove same.

(c) **REVERSION TO THE UNITED STATES.**—If the lands conveyed by the United States pursuant to this Act cease to be operated by the West Cameron Port Authority for use as a public port facility or for other public purposes, such lands shall revert to the United States: *Provided*, That the lands shall not revert if the Secretary determines that such lands, or any portion thereof, have become contaminated with hazardous substances (as defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 and following)).

(d) **RETENTION OF PROPERTY FOR COAST GUARD.**—The Secretary, after consultation with the Coast Guard and the West Cameron Port Authority, shall except and reserve from such conveyance all right, title, and interest to approximately 3.0 acres of land known as the Calcasieu Pass Radio Beacon Site used by the Coast Guard, along with any improvements thereon, for the continued use and benefit of the Coast Guard.

(e) **RETENTION OF OTHER ENCUMBRANCES.**—(1) The Secretary shall not convey any right, title, or interest held by the United States on the date of enactment of this Act in or to the following encumbrances, as identified on the map referred to in section 2—

(A) a permit granted to the United States Army to install and maintain an automatic tide gauge for recording storm and hurricane tides; and

(B) height restrictions in relation to the radio beacon tower.

(2) The Secretary, after consultation with the Coast Guard, may include in the deed of conveyance any other restrictions the Secretary determines necessary for the benefit of the Coast Guard, including, but not limited to restrictions on height of structures, and requirements to shield seaward facing lights.

SEC. 2. LETTERMAN-LAIR COMPLEX AT PRESIDIO.

California.

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to negotiate and enter into leases, at fair market rental and without regard to section 321 of chapter 314 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (40 U.S.C. 303b), for all or part of the Letterman-LAIR complex at the Presidio of San Francisco to be used for scientific, research or educational purposes. For 5 years from the date of enactment of this section, the proceeds from any such lease shall be retained by the Secretary and used for the preservation, restoration, operation and maintenance, improvement, repair and related expenses incurred with respect to Presidio properties. For purposes of any such lease, the Secretary may adjust the rental by taking into account any amounts to be expended by the lessee for preservation, maintenance, restoration, improvement, repair and related expenses with respect to the leased properties.

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