Private Law 217

AN ACT
For the relief of Doctor Dudley A. Reekie.

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 is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Doctor Dudley A. Reekie, Dallas, Texas, a sum representing compensation for the unused annual leave standing to the credit of the said Doctor Dudley A. Reekie on January 31, 1942, when he resigned his position with the Tennessee Valley Authority when ordered to active duty with the Public Health Service. No part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1,000.

Approved August 14, 1953.

Private Law 218

AN ACT
To validate a conveyance of certain lands by the Central Pacific Railway Company, and its lessee, Southern Pacific Company, to the Union Ice Company and Edward Barbera.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the conveyances hereinafter particularly described and heretofore executed by Central Pacific Railway Company, a corporation, and its lessee, Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, involving certain lands or interests therein, in the city of Lodi, all in the county of San Joaquin, State of California, and forming a part of the right-of-way of said Central Pacific Railway Company, granted by the Government of the United States of America by an Act of Congress approved July 1, 1862, entitled “An Act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the Government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes” (vol. 12, U. S. Stat. L. 489), and by said Act as amended by Act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, entitled “An Act to amend an Act entitled ‘An Act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the Government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes,’ approved July 1, 1862” (vol. 13, U. S. Stat. L. 356), are hereby legalized, validated, and confirmed, as far as the interest of the United States is concerned, with the same force and effect as if the land involved therein had been held at the time of such conveyances by the corporations making the same under absolute fee simple title.

The conveyances, recorded in office of county recorder of San Joaquin County, California, in book of official records, which are hereby legalized, validated, and confirmed, are as follows:

1. September 16, 1937; the Union Ice Company, a corporation; volume 594, page 31.
2. October 8, 1946; Edward Barbera; volume 1022, page 88: Provided, That such legalization, validation, and confirmation shall not in
any instance diminish said right-of-way to a width of less than fifty feet on either side of the center of the main track or tracks of said Central Pacific Railway Company as now established and maintained: Provided further, That nothing herein contained is intended or shall be construed to legalize, validate, or confirm any rights, titles, or interests, based upon or arising out of adverse possession, prescription, or abandonment, and not confirmed by conveyance heretofore made by Central Pacific Railway Company and its lessee, Southern Pacific Company: And provided further, That there shall be reserved to the United States all oil, coal, or other minerals in the land, and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same under applicable laws and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Approved August 14, 1953.

Private Law 219

CHAPTER 494

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain land to Ted B. Landoe and Roderic S. Carpenter.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, upon the filing of an application within one year from the date of this Act and the payment of the purchase price within such period, the Secretary of the Interior shall sell and convey to (1) Ted B. Landoe, a tract of land described as lot 1, block 15, original Anchorage townsite, Alaska, and (2) Roderic S. Carpenter, a tract of land described as lot 6, block 15, original Anchorage townsite, Alaska.

Sec. 2. The purchase price for each lot shall be the appraised value of such lot, exclusive of any increased value resulting from the development or improvement of the lot by Landoe or Carpenter, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior.

Approved August 14, 1953.

Private Law 220

CHAPTER 495

AN ACT

For the relief of Cyril Claude Andersen, Patricia Andersen Hill, and Thelma Andersen McNeill.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purposes of the immigration and naturalization laws, Cyril Claude Andersen, Patricia Andersen Hill, and Thelma Andersen McNeill shall be held and considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of June 5, 1925, upon the payment of the required visa fees. Upon the granting of permanent residence to such aliens as provided for in this Act, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper quota officer to deduct in each case one number from the appropriate quota for the first year that such quota is available.

Approved August 14, 1953.