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.

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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.

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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.

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