

after shall include the following described land comprising approximately one hundred and fifty-five acres, which the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to procure in such manner as he shall find to be in the public interest:

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Township 53 north, range 65 west, section 18, south half northeast quarter, southeast quarter northwest quarter, north half southeast quarter, those parts lying north of and within a loop of the left bank of the Belle Fourche River; southwest quarter northwest quarter, that part lying west of the left bank of the Belle Fourche River;

Township 53 north, range 66 west, section 13, south half northeast quarter.

SEC. 2. For land exchange purposes, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to accept title to any land or interests therein situated within the area added to the national monument by this Act, and, in exchange for land or interests therein so accepted, to convey any national monument land or interests therein of approximately equal value situated in the northeast quarter of section 18, township 53 north, range 65 west, and lying east of the Belle Fourche River. National monument lands so conveyed for exchange purposes shall be excluded from the national monument.

Approved August 9, 1955.

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CHAPTER 648

August 9, 1955  
[S. 2511]

AN ACT

To amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended.

Rice.  
52 Stat. 60.  
7 USC 1352.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 352 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, is amended by striking out the period at the end of the first sentence thereof and inserting: “: *Provided, however,* That for 1956 no national acreage allotment shall be established which is less than 85 per centum of the final allotment established for the immediately preceding year.”

Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 289

CHAPTER 649

August 9, 1955  
[S. 2514]

AN ACT

To declare the portion of the waterway of West Haven and New Haven, Connecticut, known as the West River, northerly of a line running north 85 degrees 54 minutes 43.5 seconds east from a point whose coordinates in the Corps of Engineers Harbor Line System are north 4,616.76 and west 9,450.80, a non-navigable stream.

West River.  
Non-navigable  
stream.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the portion of the waterway in which is located the West River in the town of West Haven, Connecticut, and the city of New Haven, Connecticut, lying northerly of a line extending north 85 degrees 54 minutes 43.5 seconds east, from a point (1,158.535 feet from the most westerly corner of the existing bulkhead and pier line) whose coordinates in the Corps of Engineers Harbor Line System are north 4,616.76 and west 9,450.80, is hereby declared to be a non-navigable water of the United States

within the meaning of the Constitution and laws of the United States.

SEC. 2. The line hereinbefore described shall be established as a combined pierhead and bulkhead line of the West River.

SEC. 3. Any project heretofore authorized by an Act of Congress, insofar as such project relates to the above-described portion of the West River, is hereby abandoned.

SEC. 4. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 290

CHAPTER 650

AN ACT

To amend title 14, United States Code, so as to provide for compensatory absence of Coast Guard military personnel serving at isolated aids to navigation, and for other purposes.

August 9, 1955  
[S. 2566]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 432 (f) of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting the words "as amended" following the words "Federal Employees Pay Act of 1945".

Coast Guard.  
63 Stat. 526.

SEC. 2. Section 432 (g) of title 14, United States Code, is amended by amending the first sentence thereof to read as follows: "The head of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, under regulations prescribed by him, may regulate the hours of duty and the pay of civilian keepers of lighthouses and civilians employed on lightships and other vessels of the Coast Guard, but such personnel may be called upon for duty in emergency circumstances or otherwise at any time or all times".

63 Stat. 529.

SEC. 3. The analysis of chapter 13 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting in such analysis the following item:

"511. Compensatory absence of military personnel at isolated aids to navigation."

SEC. 4. Chapter 13 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by inserting a new section as follows:

"§ 511. Compensatory absence of military personnel at isolated aids to navigation.

"The head of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, under regulations prescribed by him, may grant compensatory absence from duty to military personnel of the Coast Guard serving in lightships and at lighthouses and other isolated aids to navigation of the Coast Guard when conditions of duty result in confinement because of isolation or in long periods of continuous duty."

Approved August 9, 1955.

Public Law 291

CHAPTER 651

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the Texas Hill Country Development Foundation to convey certain land to Kerr County, Texas.

August 9, 1955  
[H.J. Res. 276]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, notwithstanding the second paragraph of the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution to provide for the conveyance to the Texas Hill Country Development Foundation of certain surplus land situated in Kerr County, Texas", approved June 28, 1954 (Private Law 480, Eighty-third Congress), or

Texas Hill Country Development Foundation.  
Conveyance.  
68 Stat. A98.