Public Law 978

AN ACT

To provide that the Department of the Navy shall not be required to reimburse the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for the transfer of certain real property at Columbus, Ohio.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding the requirements of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, approved June 30, 1949, as amended, or any other law, the Department of the Navy shall not be required to compensate the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for the transfer by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to the Department of the Navy of the real property in Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that consists of two parcels of land containing forty-two and two hundred ninety-four one-thousandths acres and sixty-five and ninety-six one-thousandths acres, both more or less, together with all improvements thereon, being the same property quitclaimed to the United States (Department of the Navy) by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation by deed dated March 29, 1951, and known as the former Lustron Plant (a portion of the property known as Plancor 18), Columbus, Ohio; and such transfer without reimbursement is ratified and approved.

Approved August 3, 1956.

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AN ACT

To facilitate the control and eradication of certain animal diseases, to facilitate the carrying out of agricultural and related programs, to facilitate the agricultural attaché program, to facilitate the operations of the Farmers’ Home Administration, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, and the Forest Service, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the “Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1956”.

SEC. 2. Section 11 of the Act of May 29, 1884, as added by the act of September 21, 1944 (21 U. S. C. 114a), and as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 11. The Secretary of Agriculture, either independently or in cooperation with States or political subdivisions thereof, farmers’ associations and similar organizations, and individuals, is authorized to control and eradicate tuberculosis and paratuberculosis of animals, avian tuberculosis, brucellosis of domestic animals, southern cattle ticks, hog cholera and related swine diseases, scabies in sheep and cattle, dourine in Loreses, scrapie and blue tongue in sheep, incipient or potentially serious minor outbreaks of diseases of animals, and contagious or infectious diseases of animals (such as foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, and contagious pleuropneumonia) which in the opinion of the Secretary constitute an emergency and threaten the livestock industry of the country, including the payment of claims growing out of destruction of animals (including poultry), and of