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Appropriation.

SEC. 4. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act: Provided, That the Secretary of the Interior may expend any funds made available by other Federal agencies or the Territory of Alaska to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved August 2, 1956.

Public Law 924

CHAPTER 884

AN ACT

To amend Public Law 551, chapter 616, Eighty-third Congress, second session.

Irrigation works. Movable property.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of July 29, 1954 (68 Stat. 580, 43 U. S. C. 499a) is amended by adding thereto a new sentence reading as follows: “In order to encourage the assumption by irrigation districts and water users' organizations of the operation and maintenance of irrigation works, the Secretary is authorized to use appropriated funds available for the project involved to acquire movable property for transfer at the time operation and maintenance is assumed under the terms and conditions hereinbefore provided.”

Approved August 2, 1956.

Public Law 925

CHAPTER 885

AN ACT

To authorize the establishment of the Virgin Islands National Park, and for other purposes.

Virgin Islands National Park.

Administration.


Conditions and limitations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a portion of the Virgin Islands of the United States, containing outstanding scenic and other features of national significance, shall be established, as prescribed in section 2 hereof, as the “Virgin Islands National Park”.

The national park shall be administered and preserved by the Secretary of the Interior in its natural condition for the public benefit and inspiration, in accordance with the laws governing the administration of the national parks (16 U. S. C. 1, and the following).

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, subject to the following conditions and limitations, to proceed in such manner as he shall find to be necessary in the public interest to consummate the establishment of the Virgin Islands National Park:

(a) The acreage of the national park shall be limited to a total of not more than nine thousand five hundred acres of land area, such total to be comprised of not more than fifteen acres on the island of Saint Thomas, and not more than nine thousand four hundred and eighty-five additional acres to be comprised of portions of the island of Saint John and such small islands, rocks, and cays not in excess of five hundred acres in the general vicinity thereof as may be desirable for inclusion within the park;

(b) Tentative exterior boundary lines, to include land not in excess of the aforesaid acreage limitations, may be selected for the park in order to establish the particular areas in which land may be acquired pursuant to this Act, such tentative boundaries to be selected and adjusted as may be necessary by the Secretary of the Interior.
(c) The Secretary, on behalf of the United States, is authorized to accept donations of real and personal property within the areas selected for the park until such time as the aforesaid total of nine thousand five hundred acres shall have been acquired for the park by the United States, and he may also accept donations of funds for the purposes of this Act;

(d) Any Federal properties situated within the areas selected for the park, upon agreement by the particular agency administering such properties that such properties should be made available for the park, may be transferred without further authorization to the Secretary by such agency for purposes of this Act;

(e) Establishment of the Virgin Islands National Park, in its initial phase, shall be and is hereby declared to be accomplished and effective for purposes of administration when a minimum acreage of not less than five thousand acres in Federal ownership for purposes of this Act shall have been acquired by the United States in specific areas containing such acquired lands to be designated by the Secretary; and

(f) Notice of the establishment of the park as authorized and prescribed by this Act shall be published in the Federal Register.

Sec. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated from Federal funds a sum not in excess of $60,000 for capital improvements for said Virgin Islands National Park, and a sum of not in excess of $30,000 annually for the administration of the Virgin Islands National Park.

Approved August 2, 1956.

Public Law 926

AN ACT

To provide that the United States hold in trust for the Pueblos of Zia and Jemez a part of the Ojo del Espiritu Santo Grant and a small area of public domain adjacent thereto.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title to the following land and the improvements thereon owned by the United States of America, situated within Sandoval County in the State of New Mexico, is hereby declared to be in the United States of America in trust for the Pueblo of Zia, subject to valid existing rights: Beginning at the southeast corner of the Ojo del Espiritu Santo Grant as described on the plat of said grant approved by Clarence Pullin, surveyor general of New Mexico, Santa Fe, New Mexico, June 29, 1885, said corner being in section 8, township 15 north, range 1 east, New Mexico principal meridian; thence west along the south boundary of said grant approximately 5 miles, 42 chains; thence north approximately 1 mile, 20 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence north 3 miles; thence east 40 chains; thence north 7 miles to the northeast corner of unsurveyed section 17, township 17 north, range 1 west, New Mexico principal meridian; thence east approximately 5 miles, 68 chains to the east boundary of the Ojo del Espiritu Santo Grant as described on the plat of township 17 north, range 1 east, New Mexico principal meridian, approved in the Department of the Interior, General Land Office, Washington, District of Columbia, August 18, 1930, which point is common to the west boundary of the Canon de San Diego Grant as described on the plat approved August 18, 1930; thence south approximately 5.25 chains along the common boundary of said two grants; thence continuing south along the west boundary of the Canon