

## Public Law 88-609

## AN ACT

September 22, 1964  
[S. 2701]

To provide for an investigation and study to determine a site for the construction of a sea level canal connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

Atlantic-Pacific  
interoceanic  
canal.  
Study.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President is authorized to appoint a Commission to be composed of five men from private life, to make a full and complete investigation and study, including necessary on-site surveys, and considering national defense, foreign relations, intercoastal shipping, interoceanic shipping, and such other matters as they may determine to be important, for the purpose of determining the feasibility of, and the most suitable site for, the construction of a sea level canal connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans; the best means of constructing such a canal, whether by conventional or nuclear excavation, and the estimated cost thereof. The President shall designate as Chairman one of the members of the Commission.

SEC. 2. The Commission is authorized to utilize the facilities of any department, agency, or instrumentality of the executive branch of the United States Government, and to obtain such services as it deems necessary in accordance with the provisions of section 15 of the Act of August 2, 1946 (5 U.S.C. 55a).

60 Stat. 810.  
Report to Presi-  
dent and Con-  
gress.

SEC. 3. The Commission shall report to the President for transmittal to Congress on July 31, 1965, with respect to its progress, and each year thereafter until the completion of its duties. The President shall submit such recommendations to the Congress as he deems advisable. The Commission shall continue until the President determines that its duties are completed, but not later than June 30, 1968.

Appropriation.

SEC. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such amounts as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, not to exceed \$17,500,000.

Approved September 22, 1964.

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## AN ACT

September 24, 1964  
[S. 49]

To provide for recognition by the United States of Alaska's one hundredth anniversary under the American flag, and for other purposes.

Alaska Centen-  
nial celebration.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Congress hereby recognizes the Alaska Centennial Celebration (hereinafter referred to as the "celebration") to be held at various locations in the State of Alaska during 1967, not only as an observance by the people of the forty-ninth State, but as an event of national significance.

Participation.

SEC. 2. (a) To implement the recognition declared in the first section of this Act, the President, through the Secretary of Commerce, may, in his discretion, cooperate with the Alaska Centennial Commission in the planning of the celebration and may, in his discretion, conduct a study to determine the manner in which and the extent, if any, to which the United States shall be a participant in and exhibitor at the celebration.

(b) The study authorized in subsection (a) may be made, in the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce, by personnel of the Depart-