(CHAPTER 515)

AN ACT

To limit the importation of products made, produced, processed, or mined under process covered by unexpired valid United States patents, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the importation hereafter for use, sale, or exchange of a product made, produced, processed, or mined under or by means of a process covered by the claims of any unexpired valid United States letters patent, whether issued heretofore or hereafter, shall have the same status for the purposes of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 as the importation of any product or article covered by the claims of any unexpired valid United States letters patent.

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(CHAPTER 516)

AN ACT

To authorize the setting aside of an area within the Canal Zone to preserve and conserve its natural features for scientific study, for providing and maintaining facilities for such study, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and directed to set aside within the Canal Zone an area in Gatun Lake known as Barro Colorado Island in which the natural features shall, except in event of declared national emergency, be left in their natural state for scientific observation and investigation.

Sec. 2. The purpose of setting aside such an area is to preserve and conserve its natural features, including existing flora and fauna, in as nearly a natural condition as possible, thus providing a place where duly qualified students can make observations and scientific investigations for increase of knowledge, under such conditions and regulations as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors of the Canal Zone Biological Area.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of War, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, the President of the National Academy of Sciences and three distinguished biologists of the United States of America, appointed by the President of the National Academy of Sciences with the approval of the Secretaries of War, Agriculture, Interior, and the Smithsonian Institution, shall constitute the Board of Directors of the Canal Zone Biological Area. The President of the National Academy of Sciences shall be the chairman of the Board and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution the vice chairman. The biologists of distinction appointed by the President of the National Academy of Sciences shall each serve for a term of three years: Provided, That of the three first appointed, one shall be designated to serve for one year, one for two years, and one for three years. Vacancies in appointed membership occurring from any cause shall be filled in the same manner as the appointment and for the same period. The members of the Board of Directors of the Canal Zone Biological Area shall serve without compensation but subsistence and travel expenses incident to attendance of called meetings of the Board may, on appropriate action of the Board, be paid from funds available to it.

Sec. 4. The Board of Directors of the Canal Zone Biological Area shall (a) meet in Washington, District of Columbia, at least once in each calendar year to consider policies and procedures for carrying out the purpose of this Act; (b) determine the policy, prescribe conditions under which studies may be pursued within
the area, and promulgate regulations for carrying out the purposes of this Act; (c) be responsible for the construction and maintenance of laboratory and other facilities on the area provided for the use of students authorized to carry on studies within the confines of the area; (d) deposit into the Treasury of the United States sums donated or subscribed or collected to be expended for carrying out the purposes of this Act; (e) in its discretion, fixed charges that may be made for use of laboratory or other facilities provided students authorized to make observations and investigations within the prescribed area and provide for the collection of such sums for deposit into the Treasury of the United States; (f) make such disposal of any moneys donated, subscribed, collected, or otherwise provided as in their judgment is to the best interest in carrying out the purpose of this Act: Provided, That sums contributed or appropriated for specific purposes shall be used for such purpose only; and (g) through its chairman submit to the Congress of the United States not later than the 15th day of each January a report of activities and operations during the preceding year.

Sec. 5. At each annual meeting, or at special meetings should occasion so demand, the Board of Directors of the Canal Zone Biological Area shall appoint an executive officer whom they may authorize to carry out functions of the Board. With the approval of the Board the executive officer may select and designate a resident manager to assist in carrying out the policy, conditions, and regulations approved by the Board of Directors of the Canal Zone Biological Area in compliance with the purposes of this Act. The executive officer and the resident manager shall receive such compensation for their services as may be allowed by the Board of Directors of the Canal Zone Biological Area.

Sec. 6. All moneys received by donation, subscription, fees, or otherwise, except the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 7, for carrying out the purposes of this Act shall be deposited into the Treasury as trust funds and are hereby appropriated for such purposes. Disbursements of such funds shall be made by the Secretary of the Treasury through the Division of Disbursement on requisitions or vouchers signed by or on authority of the executive officer of the Board of Directors of the Canal Zone Biological Area.

Sec. 7. There is authorized to be appropriated annually, from money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, not to exceed $10,000 for expenses necessary in the administration of this Act and for the maintenance of laboratory or other facilities provided for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

Approved, July 2, 1940.

[CHAPTER 517]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Administrator of the Federal Works Agency to transfer certain property in San Francisco, California, to the city and county of San Francisco for street purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of the Federal Works Agency is authorized and directed to transfer to the city and county of San Francisco, California, by the usual quitclaim deed, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to that portion of the Mint property in the city of San Francisco which is now used for street purposes, particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a point on the northwesterly line of Mission Street, distant thereon two hundred and seventy-five feet southwesterly from the southwesterly line of Fifth Street, and running thence at