CHAPTER 644

AN ACT

To authorize the elimination of lands from the Flathead Indian irrigation project, Montana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to eliminate from the Flathead Indian irrigation project, on application by the owner thereof, twelve acres, more or less, of land in the northwest quarter of northwest quarter of section 6, township 21 north, range 23 west, of the Montana meridian: Provided, That the landowner shall pay all accrued irrigation charges heretofore assessed against the land and relinquish the water right to the United States for the benefit of the Flathead irrigation project, and no further charges shall be assessed against the land: Provided further, That the obligations of the Flathead irrigation district for the repayment of the reimbursable construction costs of the Camas division of the Flathead Indian irrigation project shall not be reduced or otherwise affected by reason of the elimination of the land, and such elimination shall not be made until the Board of Commissioners of that district has consented thereto: And provided further, That, notwithstanding the elimination of said land from the Flathead irrigation project, there shall be reserved to the United States a right-of-way for ditches and canals now or hereafter needed for the operation and maintenance of the project works, and the owner of said land shall release the United States and its assigns from all liability for damage to said land by reason of the operations of the project.

Approved August 8, 1950.

CHAPTER 645

AN ACT

To promote the national defense by authorizing specifically certain functions of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics necessary to the effective prosecution of aeronautical research, 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 National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics is hereby authorized—

(a) to equip, maintain, and operate offices, laboratories, and research stations under its direction;

(b) to acquire additional land for, undertake additional construction at, and purchase and install additional equipment for, existing laboratories and research stations under its direction; and

(c) to purchase and maintain cafeteria equipment.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Defense or any other governmental agency or any component thereof is authorized to transfer supplies, equipment, aircraft, and aircraft parts to the Committee without reimbursement: Provided, That such transfers shall be reported by the Committee to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget in accordance with regulations prescribed by him: Provided further, That this section shall not be construed as authorizing the transfer of administrative supplies or equipment: And provided further, That this section shall not be construed as prohibiting the loan of items of any sort to the Committee.

SEC. 3. Statutory provisions prohibiting the payment of compensation to aliens shall not apply to any persons whose employment is determined by the Committee to be necessary: Provided, That no