

CHAP. 110.—An Act To protect the monuments already erected on the battle fields of Bull Run, Virginia, and other monuments that may be there erected.

March 3, 1913.
[S. 1142.]

[Public, No. 412.]
Preamble.

Whereas United States troops belonging to the Department of Washington, in the month of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, took possession of certain lands on the battle fields of Bull Run and erected thereon two monuments, about one mile apart, and dedicated the same in memory of the patriots who fell July twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and August twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth, and thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, in the battles known as the first and second Bull Run; and

Whereas the said monuments still stand on private property, the title to which has never been acquired by the United States; and Whereas many military organizations which took part in said battles desire to suitably commemorate the same; and

Whereas the State of Virginia has ceded to the United States their jurisdiction over land that may be acquired for the purposes herein named, not to exceed two hundred acres: Therefore

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby directed to inquire into the practicability of purchasing the land upon which the aforesaid monuments stand, the advisability of making the purchase thereof, and the price which will have to be paid therefor.

Bull Run, Va.
Inquiry into purchase of monument sites, etc., on battle fields.

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CHAP. 111.—An Act To provide for the extension of New Hampshire Avenue, in the District of Columbia, on a straight line, and for other purposes.

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[S. 2504.]

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That within six months after the passage of this Act the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to institute in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, sitting as a district court, under and in accordance with the provisions of subchapter one of chapter fifteen of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia, a proceeding in rem to condemn the land that may be necessary for the extension of New Hampshire Avenue on a straight extension of the lines thereof as now established in the city of Washington from its present terminus north of Buchanan Street to the District line, with a uniform width of one hundred and twenty feet: *Provided, however,* That the entire amount found to be due and awarded by the jury in said proceedings as damages, for and in respect of the land to be condemned for said extension, plus the costs and expenses of said proceeding, shall be assessed by the jury as benefits: *And provided further,* That nothing in said subchapter one of chapter fifteen of said code shall be construed to authorize the jury to assess less than the aggregate amount of the damages awarded for and in respect of the land to be condemned and the costs and expenses of the proceedings hereunder.

District of Columbia.
New Hampshire Avenue.
Condemning land for extending.
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Proviso.
Damages assessed as benefits.

Restriction.

SEC. 2. That there is hereby appropriated, out of the revenues of the District of Columbia, an amount sufficient to pay the necessary costs and expenses of the condemnation proceedings taken pursuant hereto and for the payment of amounts awarded as damages, to be repaid to the District of Columbia from assessments for benefits and covered into the Treasury to the credit of the revenues of the District of Columbia.

Appropriation for expenses.

Payment of awards.

SEC. 3. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby directed to change the plans for a permanent system of highways outside the city of Washington so as to abandon the extension of New Hampshire Avenue from Buchanan Street northward to the District line, as at present laid down on said plans.

Highways system modified.

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