

March 1, 1929.

[H. R. 11722.]

[Public, No. 898.]

CHAP. 447.—An Act To provide for the commemoration of the Battle of Monocacy, Maryland.

Battle of Monocacy, Maryland.
Acquiring land, etc., authorized to commemorate.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of commemorating the Battle of Monocacy, Maryland, the Secretary of War is authorized and directed to (1) acquire not to exceed one acre of land, free of cost to the United States, at the above-named battle field, (2) fence the parcel of land so acquired, (3) build an approach to such parcel of land, and (4) erect a suitable marker on such parcel of land.

Sum authorized.

SEC. 2. There is authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$5,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this Act.

Under control of Secretary of War.

SEC. 3. The parcel of land acquired under section 1 of this Act shall be under the jurisdiction and control of the Secretary of War, and there is authorized to be appropriated for the maintenance of such parcel of land, fence, approach, and marker a sum not to exceed \$250 per annum.

Maintenance.

Approved, March 1, 1929.

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[S. J. Res. 196.]

[Pub. Res., No. 96.]

CHAP. 448.—Joint Resolution Authorizing and requesting the President of the United States to take steps in an effort to protect citizens of the United States in their equitable titles to land embraced in territory to be transferred from the State of Oklahoma to the State of Texas and from the State of Texas to the State of Oklahoma as per decree of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Oklahoma against Texas (1926, 272 United States 21, page 38) and from the State of New Mexico to the State of Texas and from the State of Texas to the State of New Mexico as per decree of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of New Mexico against Texas (volume 276, page 557, United States Supreme Court Reports), and to give the consent of Congress to said States to enter into compacts with each other and with the United States relating to such subject matter.

Oklahoma and Texas.
Conference requested with governors of, as to acceptance of lands transferred to the States by decree of Supreme Court.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be authorized, and he is hereby requested, to confer with the Governor of the State of Oklahoma and with the Governor of the State of Texas to ascertain if negotiations will be entertained, to the end that an agreement may be reached between the United States, the State of Texas, and the State of Oklahoma, as to the terms upon which said parties mentioned and in interest will accept the land, if any, transferred or to be transferred to each said party by the authority of the final decree of the Supreme Court of the United States in the action styled Oklahoma against Texas (1926, 272 United States 21, page 38).

On acceptance of conference, consent given the States to negotiate compact, etc., to be presented for ratification to Congress and the State Legislatures.

SEC. 2. In the event the Governor of the State of Texas and the Governor of the State of Oklahoma, acting for their respective States, agree to confer with the United States relative to the subject matter mentioned and described in section 1 hereof the consent of Congress is hereby given to the said State of Texas and to the said State of Oklahoma to negotiate and enter into a compact or agreement respecting the matter in this Act mentioned and the President is herein authorized and requested to proceed with such conference and to formulate and suggest a compact or agreement to be presented to the Congress and to the Legislatures of the State of Texas and the State of Oklahoma for ratification and if, and when, ratified by each said contracting party, then each said party herein mentioned is hereby authorized to proceed to comply with the obligations in said compact or agreement assumed.

Compliance with obligations.

SEC. 3. That the President of the United States be authorized, and he is hereby requested, to confer with the Governor of the State of Texas and with the Governor of the State of New Mexico to ascertain if negotiations will be entertained to the end that an agreement may be reached between the United States, the State of Texas, and the State of New Mexico, as to the terms upon which said parties mentioned and in interest will accept the land, if any, transferred or to be transferred to each said party by the authority of the final decree of the Supreme Court of the United States in the action styled New Mexico against Texas (volume 276, page 557, United States Supreme Court Reports).

Texas and New Mexico.
Conference requested with governors of, as to acceptance of lands transferred to the States by decree of Supreme Court.

SEC. 4. In the event the Governor of the State of Texas and the Governor of the State of New Mexico, acting for their respective States, agree to confer with the United States relative to the subject matter mentioned and described in section 1 hereof, the consent of Congress is hereby given to the said State of Texas and to the said State of New Mexico to negotiate and enter into a compact or agreement respecting the matter in this Act mentioned, and the President is herein authorized and requested to proceed with such conference and to formulate and suggest a compact or agreement to be presented to the Congress and to the Legislatures of the State of Texas and the State of New Mexico for ratification and if, and when, ratified by each said contracting party, then each said party herein mentioned is hereby authorized to proceed to comply with the obligations in said compact or agreement assumed.

On acceptance of conference, consent given the States to negotiate compact, etc., to be presented for ratification to Congress and the State Legislatures.

SEC. 5. No such compact or agreement shall be binding or obligatory upon either of the parties herein mentioned unless and until such compact or agreement has been ratified by the legislatures of each of said States affected and mentioned herein and by the Congress of the United States.

Compliance with obligations.

Ratification required of the compacts by the States and Congress.

Approved, March 1, 1929.

CHAP. 449.—Joint Resolution To relieve Elizabeth Robins Pennell from necessity of providing a surety on her bond for the benefit of the United States as residuary legatee and remainderman under the will of Joseph Pennell.

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[S. J. Res. 58.]
[Pub. Res., No. 97.]

Whereas Joseph Pennell, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by his will dated January 7, 1919, and a codicil thereto dated September 29, 1924, gave the residue of his estate to his wife, Elizabeth Robins Pennell, for life, and upon her death to the United States of America, for the division of prints of the Library of Congress, to be administered by the proper officers thereof upon the terms and conditions in his said will provided; and

Elizabeth Robins Pennell.
Preamble.

Whereas the said Joseph Pennell died April 23, 1926, and Elizabeth Robins Pennell, executrix, filed her account of decedent's estate in the office of the register of wills, of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, and the same was adjudicated and confirmed absolutely by the orphans' court of the said county on the 6th day of May, 1927, and the balance shown by said account awarded to Elizabeth Robins Pennell, to be held as directed by decedent's will, upon the entry of security by her in the sum of \$400,000, under section 23 of the fiduciaries act of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas the premium on a surety bond would have to be paid out of the income of decedent's estate and thereby greatly reduce the income which the said Elizabeth Robins Pennell would receive during her life; and

Whereas the said Elizabeth Robins Pennell has requested Congress to take such action as may relieve her from the necessity of providing a surety on her bond (so conditioned): Therefore be it