

One Hundred Fifth Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,
the twenty-seventh day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight*

An Act

To validate certain conveyances in the City of Tulare, Tulare County, California,
and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) It is in the Federal Government's interest to facilitate local development of jobs in areas of high unemployment.

(2) Railroad interests in rights-of-way prevent local communities from obtaining clear title to property for development unless the city also obtains the Federal reversionary interest in those rights-of-way.

(3) For development purposes, in order to secure needed financing, the City of Tulare Redevelopment Agency requires clear title to certain parcels of land within the city's business corridor that are part of a railroad right-of-way.

SEC. 2. TULARE CONVEYANCE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to subsections (c) and (d), all conveyances to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Tulare, California, of lands described in subsection (b), heretofore or hereafter, made directly by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company, or its successors, are hereby validated to the extent that the conveyances would be legal or valid if all right, title, and interest of the United States, except minerals, were held by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company.

(b) **LANDS DESCRIBED.**—The lands referred to in subsection (a) are the parcels shown on the map entitled "Tulare Redevelopment Agency-Railroad Parcels Proposed to be Acquired", dated May 29, 1997, that formed part of a railroad right-of-way granted to the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, or its successors, agents, or assigns, by the Federal Government (including the right-of-way approved by an Act of Congress on July 27, 1866). The map referred to in this subsection shall be on file and available for public inspection in the offices of the Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

(c) **PRESERVATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS OF ACCESS.**—Nothing in this section shall impair any existing rights of access in favor of the public or any owner of adjacent lands over, under, or across the lands which are referred to in subsection (a).

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(d) MINERALS.—The United States disclaims any and all right of surface entry to the mineral estate of lands described in subsection (b).

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*