

105TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 960

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 1997

Mr. THOMAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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County, California, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4       The Congress finds that:

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

8               (2) Railroad interests in rights-of-way prevent  
9       local communities from obtaining clear title to prop-  
10      erty for redevelopment unless the city also obtains

1 the Federal reversionary interest in those rights-of-  
2 way.

3 (3) The City of Tulare Redevelopment Agency  
4 requires clear title to 12 parcels of land within the  
5 city's business corridor for development.

6 (4) The 12 parcels are part of a right-of-way.

7 (5) The Agency will be hindered in plans for de-  
8 veloping the area or securing needed financing un-  
9 less the Agency controls all 12 parcels.

10 **SEC. 2. TULARE CONVEYANCE.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
12 sion of law, and subject to subsection (c), the following  
13 conveyance is hereby validated to the extent that the con-  
14 veyances would have been legal or valid if all right, title,  
15 and interest of the United States had been held by the  
16 Southern Pacific Transportation Company at the time of  
17 such conveyance:

18 (1) Conveyance of parcels from the lands de-  
19 scribed in subsection (b) made by the Southern Pa-  
20 cific Transportation Company or its subsidiaries,  
21 predecessors, successors, agents, or assigns, on or  
22 before April 15, 1996.

23 (2) Conveyance of parcels from the lands de-  
24 scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b)  
25 made after April 15, 1996, by the Southern Pacific

1       Transportation Company, or its successors, agents,  
2       or assigns, to the Redevelopment Agency of the city  
3       of Tulare.

4       (b) LANDS DESCRIBED.—The lands referred to in  
5 subsection (a) are the lands that—

6           (1) formed part of a railroad right-of-way  
7       granted to the Southern Pacific Railroad Company,  
8       or its successors, agents, or assigns, by the Federal  
9       Government (including the right-of-way approved by  
10      an Act of Congress on July 27, 1866); and

11          (2) are located within the boundaries of Amend-  
12      ed Urban Renewal Plan for California A–8–1 (the  
13      Downtown Plan) adopted by the city of Tulare, Cali-  
14      fornia, generally depicted on the map entitled  
15      “Amended Urban Renewal Plan for California A–8–  
16      1”, dated March 7, 1989.

17 The map referred to in paragraph (2) shall be on file and  
18 available for public inspection in the offices of the director  
19 of the Bureau of Land Management.

20      (c) PRESERVATION OF EXISTING RIGHTS OF AC-  
21      CESS.—Nothing in this section shall impair any existing  
22      rights of access in favor of the public or any owner of  
23      adjacent lands over, under or across the lands which are  
24      referred to in subsection (a).

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