

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 960

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 9, 1997

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To validate certain conveyances in the City of Tulare, Tulare
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:

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

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

8 (3) For development purposes, in order to se-
9 cure needed financing, the City of Tulare Redvelop-
10 ment Agency requires clear title to certain parcels of
11 land within the city's business corridor that are part
12 of a railroad right-of-way.

13 **SEC. 2. TULARE CONVEYANCE.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsections (c) and (d),
15 all conveyances to the Redevelopment Agency of the City
16 of Tulare, California, of lands described in subsection (b),
17 heretofore or hereafter, made directly by the Southern Pa-
18 cific Transportation Company, or its successors, are here-
19 by validated to the extent that the conveyances would be
20 legal or valid if all right, title, and interest of the United
21 States, except minerals, were held by the Southern Pacific
22 Transportation Company.

23 (b) LANDS DESCRIBED.—The lands referred to in
24 subsection (a) are the parcels shown on the map entitled
25 “Tulare Redevelopment Agency-Railroad Parcels Pro-

1 posed to be Acquired”, dated 5/29/97, that formed part
2 of a railroad right-of-way granted to the Southern Pacific
3 Railroad Company, or its successors, agents, or assigns,
4 by the Federal Government (including the right-of-way ap-
5 proved by an Act of Congress on July 27, 1866). The map
6 referred to in this subsection shall be on file and available
7 for public inspection in the offices of the Director of the
8 Bureau of Land Management.

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

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

Passed the House of Representatives July 8, 1997.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

Clerk.