

For exchange purposes, particularly in connection with State and other highway developments, the Secretary is authorized to accept, on behalf of the United States, any non-Federal land or interests therein situated within the park area herein prescribed, and in exchange therefor to convey park land or interests therein of approximately equal value.

Approved April 17, 1954.

Public Law 339

CHAPTER 160

AN ACT

April 19, 1954
[S. 1456]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to authorize a permanent annual appropriation for the maintenance and operation of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory", approved May 7, 1928, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to authorize a permanent annual appropriation for the maintenance and operation of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory", approved May 7, 1928, as amended, is hereby amended by striking out clauses (2) and (3) of section 1 of said Act and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "and (2) that the said Gorgas Memorial Institute be, and it is hereby, authorized within its discretion, henceforth to accept from any of the Latin American Governments, or from any other sources, any funds which may be offered or given for the use of the Gorgas Memorial Institute for the maintenance and operation of the Gorgas Memorial Laboratory, and for carrying on the work of said Laboratory wherever deemed by the said Institute to be necessary or desirable."

Gorgas Memorial
Laboratory.

45 Stat. 491.
22 USC 278.

Approved April 19, 1954.

Public Law 340

CHAPTER 169

AN ACT

April 22, 1954
[H. R. 7110]

To provide that title to certain school lands shall vest in the States under the Act of January 25, 1927, notwithstanding any Federal leases which may be outstanding on such lands at the time they are surveyed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the Act entitled "An Act confirming in States and Territories title to lands granted by the United States in the aid of common or public schools", approved January 25, 1927, as amended (43 U. S. C., sec. 870), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

School lands.
Title.

44 Stat. 1026.

"(d) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (c), the fact that there is outstanding on any numbered mineral section at the time of its survey a lease or leases entered into by the United States, or an application therefor, shall not prevent the grant of such numbered mineral section to the State concerned as provided in this Act.

"(2) Any numbered mineral section which has been surveyed prior to the date of the enactment of this subsection, and which has not been granted to the State concerned solely by reason of the fact that there was outstanding on it at the time of the survey a lease or leases entered into by the United States, or an application therefor, is hereby granted by the United States to such State under this section as if it had not been so leased; and the State shall succeed to the position of the United States as lessor under such lease or leases.