

(2) The amendments made by section 205 (a), (c), and (d) shall apply only in the case of gasoline sold on or after October 1, 1961.

(3) The amendment made by section 205 (b) shall apply only in the case of gasoline used on or after October 1, 1961.

Approved June 29, 1961, 10:18 a.m.

Public Law 87-62

AN ACT

To amend the Soil Bank Act so as to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to permit the harvesting of hay on conservation reserve acreage under certain conditions.

June 29, 1961
[S. 2113]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) section 107(a) (3) of the Soil Bank Act is amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a comma and adding the following: "and except that the Secretary may, with the approval of the contract signers, permit hay to be removed from such acreage if the Secretary, after certification by the Governor of the State in which such acreage is situated of the need for removal of hay from such acreage, determines that it is necessary to permit removal of hay from such acreage in order to alleviate damage, hardship, or suffering caused by severe drought, flood, or other natural disaster."

Soil Bank Act,
amendment,
70 Stat. 192,
7 USC 1831.

(b) The amendment made by this section shall expire one year from the date of enactment of this Act.

Approved June 29, 1961.

Public Law 87-63

AN ACT

To strengthen the domestic and foreign commerce of the United States by providing for the establishment of a United States Travel Service within the Department of Commerce.

June 29, 1961
[S. 610]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it is the purpose of this Act to strengthen the domestic and foreign commerce of the United States, and promote friendly understanding and appreciation of the United States by encouraging foreign residents to visit the United States and by facilitating international travel generally.

International
Travel Act of 1961.

SEC. 2. In order to carry out the purpose of this Act the Secretary of Commerce (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") shall—

Secretary of
Commerce.
Authority.

(1) develop, plan, and carry out a comprehensive program designed to stimulate and encourage travel to the United States by residents of foreign countries for the purpose of study, culture, recreation, business, and other activities as a means of promoting friendly understanding and good will among peoples of foreign countries and of the United States;

(2) encourage the development of tourist facilities, low cost unit tours, and other arrangements within the United States for meeting the requirements of foreign visitors;

(3) foster and encourage the widest possible distribution of the benefits of travel at the cheapest rates between foreign countries and the United States consistent with sound economic principles;

(4) encourage the simplification, reduction, or elimination of barriers to travel, and the facilitation of international travel generally;

(5) collect, publish, and provide for the exchange of statistics and technical information, including schedules of meetings, fairs, and other attractions, relating to international travel and tourism.

SEC. 3. (a) In performing the duties set forth in section 2, the Secretary—

(1) shall utilize the facilities and services of existing agencies of the Federal Government to the fullest extent possible including the maximum utilization of counterpart funds; and, to the fullest extent consistent with the performance of their own duties and functions, such agencies shall permit such utilization of facilities and services;

(2) may consult and cooperate with individuals, businesses, and organizations engaged in or concerned with international travel, including local, State, Federal, and foreign governments, and international agencies;

(3) may obtain by contract and otherwise the advice and services of qualified professional organizations and personnel;

(4) after consultation with the Secretary of State, may establish such branches in foreign countries, as he deems to be necessary and desirable.

Restriction.

(b) The Secretary, under the authority of this Act, shall not provide or arrange for transportation for, or accommodations to, persons traveling between foreign countries and the United States in competition with business engaged in providing or arranging for such transportation or accommodations.

U. S. Travel Service.

SEC. 4. There is hereby established in the Department of Commerce a United States Travel Service which shall be headed by a Director who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall be compensated at the rate of \$19,000 per annum, and who shall report directly to the Secretary. All duties and responsibilities of the Secretary under this Act shall be exercised directly by the Secretary or by the Secretary through the Director.

Reports.

SEC. 5. The Secretary shall submit semi-annually to the President and to the Congress a report on his activities under this Act.

Appropriation.

SEC. 6. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, there is authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962, and not to exceed \$4,700,000 for each fiscal year thereafter.

Short title.

SEC. 7. This Act may be cited as the "International Travel Act of 1961".

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