

Union Calendar No. 141

68TH CONGRESS,
1ST SESSION.

H. R. 5573

[Report No. 342.]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 16, 1924.

Mr. SANDLIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Public Lands and ordered to be printed.

MARCH 21, 1924.

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

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A BILL

Granting certain public lands to the city of Shreveport, Louisiana, for reservoir purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled;*
3 That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is,
4 authorized and directed to issue patent or patents to the city
5 of Shreveport, Louisiana, for use in the establishment of a
6 reservoir for the water supply of said city, for all those tracts
7 of land within what is known as the Cross Lake area, in
8 townships 17 and 18 north, range 15 west, Louisiana meri-
9 dian, which may be found by the Secretary of the Interior to
10 have been islands in said Cross Lake at the date the State of
11 Louisiana was admitted to the Union, and to which tracts no

1 legal claims have been initiated and duly maintained under
2 the provisions of the public land laws, and shall be timely
3 asserted as provided herein: *Provided*, That the said city of
4 Shreveport shall pay for said lands at the rate of \$1.25 per
5 acre, and shall tender its application for patent, accompanied
6 by the purchase price of the land, within six months after
7 the approval of this Act, or within a similar period after the
8 acceptance of the official plat or plats of survey if accepted
9 after the date of this Act: *Provided further*, That there
10 shall be reserved to the United States all gas, oil, coal, or
11 other mineral deposits found at any time in the said lands
12 and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same.

13 SEC. 2. That no claim alleged to have been initiated
14 and maintained under the public land laws adverse to the
15 disposition of said lands as provided for by this Act shall be
16 recognized unless regularly presented to the Secretary of the
17 Interior within the period allowed the city of Shreveport to
18 file its application for patent, and no tract to which an ad-
19 verse claim is asserted shall be patented to the city unless
20 and until such claim is finally rejected by the Secretary of
21 the Interior.

22 SEC. 3. That the lands hereby granted shall be used
23 by the city of Shreveport, Louisiana, only for the purpose
24 expressed in the grant, and if said land, or any part thereof,
25 shall be abandoned for such use it shall revert to the United

- 1 *States; and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized*
- 2 *and empowered to determine the facts and declare such*
- 3 *forfeiture and restore said land to the public domain, and*
- 4 *such order of the Secretary shall be final and conclusive.*

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