

tion of a claim or entry on adjoining lands to include the restored lands.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 848, §1, 70 Stat. 898.)

CODIFICATION

This section was formerly classified to section 420 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

**§ 971b. Sale of restored Alaskan lands; preference rights; consent of Federal agency**

The Secretary may sell such restored lands for not less than their appraised value, giving an appropriate preference right to the holders of adjoining claims or entries and to owners of adjoining private lands. If such lands are under the jurisdiction of a Federal department or agency other than the Department of the Interior, any sale thereof shall be made only with the consent of such department or agency.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 848, §2, 70 Stat. 898.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 420a of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

**§ 971c. Utilization or occupancy of Alaskan easements; consent of agency**

Lands in Alaska within an easement established under sections 971a to 971e of this title by the Secretary of the Interior may not be utilized or occupied without the permission of the Secretary, or an officer or agency designated by him. If the lands crossed by an easement established under sections 971a to 971e of this title are under the jurisdiction of a Federal department or agency other than the Department of the Interior, or of a State, Territory, or other government subdivision or agency, such permission may be granted only with the consent of such department, agency, or other governmental unit.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 848, §3, 70 Stat. 898.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 420b of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

**§ 971d. Effect on valid existing Alaskan rights**

Nothing in sections 971a to 971e of this title shall affect adversely any valid existing rights.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 848, §4, 70 Stat. 898.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 420c of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

**§ 971e. Definition of restored Alaskan lands**

For the purposes of sections 971a to 971e of this title, the words "restored lands" include, without limiting the meaning thereof, those lands at Big Delta and Tok Junctions that are withdrawn by public land orders numbered 808 and 975 and that lie between the centerline of the Richardson and Glenn Highways and the land included within United States surveys 2727, 2728, 2770, 2771, 2772, 2773, 2774, 2723, 2724, 2725, and 2726.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 848, §5, as added Pub. L. 86-512, June 11, 1960, 74 Stat. 207.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 420d of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

**§§ 975, 975a. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-468, title VI, § 615(a)(1), Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2577**

Section 975, acts Mar. 12, 1914, ch. 37, §1, 38 Stat. 305; Apr. 10, 1926, ch. 114, 44 Stat. 239; Aug. 4, 1955, ch. 554, 69 Stat. 494; Nov. 1, 1978, Pub. L. 95-565, §4(a), 92 Stat. 2399; Oct. 10, 1980, Pub. L. 96-423, §15, 94 Stat. 1817, related to location, construction, and operation of Alaska Railroad and powers and duties of President in connection therewith, and security officers. Section was comprised of first and second paragraphs of section 1 of act Mar. 12, 1914. The first paragraph was included in the Act as originally enacted in 1914 and the second paragraph was added in 1980 by Pub. L. 96-423. Amendment of section 1 of act Mar. 12, 1914, by act Mar. 29, 1940, ch. 74, 54 Stat. 80, relating to Mount McKinley National Park, and providing for accommodations for visitors and residents, was set out as section 353a of Title 16, Conservation. Section was formerly classified to section 301 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

Section 975a, act Mar. 12, 1914, ch. 37, §1, 38 Stat. 307, related to telegraph and telephone lines in Alaska. Section was comprised of original second paragraph of section 1 of act Mar. 12, 1914. Section was formerly classified to section 302 of Title 48.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective on date of transfer of Alaska Railroad to State [Jan. 5, 1985], pursuant to section 1203 of Title 45, Railroads, see section 615(a) of Pub. L. 97-468.

RENTAL OF ALASKA RAILROAD LANDS; REPORT TO CONGRESS

Pub. L. 95-611, §6, Nov. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 3090, authorized the Secretary of Transportation to conduct an investigation and study to determine equitable rates to be charged for the rental of Alaska Railroad lands, required submission by the Secretary of a report on the results of such study to the Congress not later than one year after Nov. 8, 1978, and provided that, prior to 180 days after the receipt by Congress of such report, rental charges on lands rented by the Alaska Railroad were not to be increased by more than 100 per centum of the amount charged for such land on Jan. 1, 1977.

APPROPRIATIONS

Act Mar. 12, 1914, ch. 37, §2, 38 Stat. 307, which provided that the cost of the work authorized by sections 975 to 975g should not exceed \$35,000,000, and that in executing the authority granted by those sections the President should not expend nor obligate the United States to expend more than that sum, and also appropriated the sum of \$1,000,000 to be used for carrying out the provisions of those sections, to continue available until expended, was repealed by section 615(a)(1) of Pub. L. 97-468.

**§ 975b. Repealed. Pub. L. 94-579, title VII, § 704(a), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2792**

Section, act Mar. 12, 1914, ch. 37, §1, 38 Stat. 307, authorized the President to withdraw, locate, and dispose of lands for town-site purposes along Alaskan railroad lines. Section was comprised of original fourth paragraph of act Mar. 12, 1914. Section was formerly classified to section 303 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Pub. L. 94-579, title VII, §704(a), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2792, provided that the repeal made by section 704(a) is effective on and after Oct. 21, 1976.

SAVINGS PROVISION

Repeal by Pub. L. 94-579 not to be construed as terminating any valid lease, permit, patent, etc., existing on