

Authority, by filing with the United States District Court for the District of Columbia a complaint and declaration of taking containing a description of the land and other assets to be taken, together with a sum of money deposited with the registrar of such court in accordance with the applicable provisions of law set forth in subsection (a) of this section. Upon such filing and deposit, title to the possession of the assets described in any such complaint and declaration of taking shall pass to the Transit Authority and the value of the assets so acquired shall be determined as of that date.

(c) The trial of any such condemnation proceedings shall be a preferred cause and shall be commenced at the earliest date convenient to the court.

(d) Any proceeding brought by the Transit Authority under this section against the Alexandria, Barcroft, and Washington Transit Company shall be transferred, upon motion made by such Transit Company, to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, and such district court shall have, upon such transfer, complete and exclusive jurisdiction over such proceeding. Any action brought by the Transit Authority under this section against the WMA Transit Company, shall be transferred, upon motion made by the WMA Transit Company, to the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, and such district court shall have, upon such transfer, complete and exclusive jurisdiction over such proceeding.

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TITLE V

AUDIT AND REVIEW

SEC. 501. The Comptroller General of the United States shall have access to all books, records, papers, and accounts and operations of the Transit Authority, and any company with which the Transit Authority is conducting negotiations under this Act, and any company eligible to receive or receiving any funds authorized by this Act. The Comptroller General is authorized to inspect any facility or real or personal property of the Transit Authority or of such companies.

TITLE VI

ARLINGTON CEMETERY AND SMITHSONIAN STATIONS

SEC. 601. The National Capital Transportation Act of 1969, approved December 9, 1969 (83 Stat. 320) as amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"SEC. 13. (a) The Secretary of Transportation shall make payments to the Transit Authority in such amounts as may be requisitioned from time to time by the Transit Authority sufficient, in the aggregate, to finance the cost of designing, constructing, and equipping (1) a rail rapid transit station partially under Memorial Drive designed to serve the Arlington Cemetery with two entrances surfacing adjacent to the sidewalks north and south of Memorial Drive and east of Jefferson Davis Highway, and (2) an additional entrance in the vicinity of the northeast end of the Smithsonian Station surfacing on the Mall south of Adams Drive; except that the aggregate amount of such payments shall not exceed \$7,385,000.

"(b) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Transportation, without fiscal year limitation, not to exceed \$7,385,000 to carry out the purposes of this section. The appropriations authorized in this subsection shall not be subject to the provisions of this Act requiring contributions by the local governments and shall be in addition to the appropriations authorized by section 3(c) thereof."

Ante, p. 464.
D.C. Code 1-
1441 note.

Appropriation.

D.C. Code 1-
1442.

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