

appointed in the same manner as the members themselves. The United States members and their alternates shall hold office at the pleasure of the President. A vacancy among the United States members of the Commission or their alternates shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. An alternate shall, in the absence of the member of the Commission for whom he is alternate, attend meetings of the Commission and act and vote in the place and instead of that member of the Commission.

(b) Chairman and Vice Chairman

The Commission shall elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman from among its members, each of whom shall hold office for a term of two years. The post of Chairman shall be filled for alternate terms by a Canadian and by a United States member. The post of Vice Chairman shall be filled by a Canadian member if the post of Chairman is held by a United States member, and by a United States member if the post of Chairman is held by a Canadian member. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chairman or Vice Chairman within the two-year term, the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term by special election in accordance with the foregoing requirements. The Vice Chairman shall act as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

(c) Quorum

Four members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but the affirmative votes of at least two United States members, or their alternates, and at least two Canadian members, or their alternates, shall be required for any decision to be made by the Commission.

(Pub. L. 88-363, § 5, July 7, 1964, 78 Stat. 300.)

§ 1105. Compensation

No compensation will be attached to the position of United States members of the Commission. United States members or their alternates shall be reimbursed by the Commission for travel expenses in accordance with section 5703 of title 5 and the Standardized Government Travel Regulations.

(Pub. L. 88-363, § 6, July 7, 1964, 78 Stat. 300.)

CODIFICATION

“Section 5703 of title 5” substituted in text for “section 5 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946, as amended [5 U.S.C. 73b-2],” on authority of Pub. L. 89-554, § 7(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, the first section of which enacted Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 1106. Employees

The Commission may employ both United States and Canadian citizens.

(Pub. L. 88-363, § 7, July 7, 1964, 78 Stat. 300.)

§ 1107. Meetings and reports; inspection of records

The Commission shall hold at least one meeting every calendar year and shall submit an annual report to the United States and Canadian

Governments on or before March 31 of each year, including a general statement of the operation for the previous year and the results of an independent audit of the financial operations of the Commission. The Commission shall permit inspection of its records by the accounting agencies of both the United States and Canadian Governments.

(Pub. L. 88-363, § 8, July 7, 1964, 78 Stat. 301.)

§ 1108. Insurance

The Commission shall maintain insurance in reasonable amounts, including, but not limited to, liability and property insurance. Such insurance may not cover the Commissioners or employees of the Commission except when sued by name for acts done in the scope of their employment.

(Pub. L. 88-363, § 9, July 7, 1964, 78 Stat. 301.)

§ 1109. Court action; service of process

In an action against the Commission instituted in a district court of the United States, service of the summons and of the complaint upon the Commission shall be made by delivering a copy thereof to the United States attorney for the district in which the action is brought, or to an assistant United States attorney, or to a clerical employee designated by the United States attorney to accept service in a writing filed with the clerk of the court, and by sending a copy of the summons and of the complaint to the Commission by registered or certified mail.

(Pub. L. 88-363, § 10, July 7, 1964, 78 Stat. 301.)

§ 1110. Liability

(a) United States

The United States Government shall not be liable for any act or omission of the Commission or of any person employed by, or assigned or detailed to, the Commission.

(b) Payment; exemption of property from attachment, execution, etc.

Any liability of the Commission shall be met from funds of the Commission to the extent that it is not covered by insurance, or otherwise. Property belonging to the Commission shall be exempt from attachment, execution, or other process for satisfaction of claims, debts, or judgments.

(c) Individual members of Commission

No liability of the Commission shall be imputed to any member of the Commission solely on the basis that he occupies the position of member of the Commission.

(Pub. L. 88-363, § 11, July 7, 1964, 78 Stat. 301.)

§ 1111. Exemption from taxation

The Commission shall not be subject to Federal, State, or municipal taxation in the United States on any real or personal property held by it or on any gift, bequest, or devise to it of any personal or real property, or on its income, whether from governmental appropriations, admission fees, concessions, or donations.

(Pub. L. 88-363, § 12, July 7, 1964, 78 Stat. 301.)

§ 1112. Tax treatment of any gift, devise or bequest to the Commission

For the purpose of Federal income, estate, and gift taxes, any gift, devise, or bequest to or for the use of the Commission, and accepted by the Commission under authority of this chapter, shall be deemed to be a gift, devise, or bequest to or for the use of the United States, as the case may be, if it is not deducted as a gift, devise, or bequest to or for the use of the Government of Canada under the income, estate, or gift tax laws of the Government of Canada.

(Pub. L. 88-363, §13, July 7, 1964, 78 Stat. 301.)

§ 1113. Authorization of appropriations

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior without fiscal year limitation such sums as may be necessary for the purposes of this chapter and the agreement with the Government of Canada signed January 22, 1964, article 11 of which provides that the Governments of the United States and Canada shall share equally the costs of developing and the annual cost of operating and maintaining the Roosevelt Campobello International Park.

(Pub. L. 88-363, §14, July 7, 1964, 78 Stat. 301.)

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§ 1131. National Wilderness Preservation System

(a) Establishment; Congressional declaration of policy; wilderness areas; administration for public use and enjoyment, protection, preservation, and gathering and dissemination of information; provisions for designation as wilderness areas

In order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas within the United States and its possessions, leaving no lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the Congress to secure for the American people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness. For this purpose there is hereby established a National Wilderness Preservation System to be composed of federally owned areas designated by Congress as "wilderness areas", and these shall be administered for the use and enjoyment of the American people in such manner as will leave them unimpaired for future use and enjoyment as wilderness, and so as to provide for the protection of these areas, the preservation of their wilderness character, and for the gathering and dissemination of information regarding their use and enjoyment as wilderness; and no