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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 9054 - Quitclaim, South Carolina Land which authorizes the Secretaries of Agriculture and of the Interior to relinquish, without consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to approximately 229 acres of land in South Carolina.

The Secretary of Agriculture has previously conveyed to the South Carolina Board of Education title to the approximately 229 acres of land covered by the bill subject to retention of the mineral estate and a provision that if the land ever ceased to be used for public educational purposes title would revert to the United States.

The present measure authorizes the Secretaries of Agriculture and of the Interior (who has jurisdiction over mineral estates) to convey to the State Board of Education, without consideration, all of the remaining interests which the United States has in the approximately 84 acres of land, on which the school district has current plans to make improvements. The bill also provides similar authority to quitclaim the interest of the United States in the remaining 145 acres "... upon documentation satisfactory to said Secretaries that buildings, facilities, or improvements for educational or other related community purposes are planned for the parcels involved."

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