

Board, reputable real estate firms and local investors. The general consensus was:

1. The value of housing priced at \$15,000 and more has been quite stable since the base was closed.

2. The value of housing priced at less than \$15,000 has experienced a marked drop. The location of housing in this price bracket has had considerable influence on the asking price (for example, the early 1950 emergency housing project in Indian Village lost a major portion of its preclosing announcement value).

3. Older housing in the community experienced the greatest decline in value. One real estate representative commented, "Older houses in the community are a dime a dozen."

All real estate agencies reported excellent business during 1965 and the first 6 months of 1966. Local real estate people believe that this trend is the result of many factors including:

1. There has been considerable movement to better housing-up-grading.

2. Vacant FHA and VA housing, with little or no down payment, has created a new market.

3. Local investors have purchased many properties in anticipation of improved housing markets resulting from the opening of the Westinghouse plant and the new industries which have been attracted or are being attracted to the Salina Airport Industrial Center at former Schilling Air Force Base.

APPENDIX F—ENABLING LEGISLATION

CHAPTER 117—ACQUIRING PROPERTY FROM UNITED STATES

Senate Bill No. 235

AN ACT Authorizing certain cities to establish and create an authority for the purpose of acquiring property from the United States or any of its agencies, the state of Kansas, any political subdivision thereof or any municipality therein, or any other source authorized by this act, and to own, maintain, operate, improve, develop and dispose of such property; and to levy taxes and to issue general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, industrial revenue bonds and warrants to provide revenues required for such purposes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the surplus property and public airport authority act.

SEC. 2. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state that to promote the public interest, economy, health, safety, education and general welfare of the cities to which the provisions of this act may be applicable and of the residents and property owners therein that the people be empowered to acquire, own, maintain, operate, improve and dispose of surplus real or personal properties of the United States, the state of Kansas, any political subdivision thereof or any municipality therein, within or without the cities to which the provisions of this act may be applicable, including, but not limited to, property which may be essential, suitable or desirable for the development, improvement, operation or maintenance of a public airport. Because of the unique problems which exist relative thereto, the creation of an authority separate and distinct from such cities and the counties in which such cities are located is necessary.