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water rights, as in his judgment are necessary and in the interests of the United States and the project.

Administration.

SEC. 15. The Secretary is hereby authorized to perform any and all acts and to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for the purpose of carrying the provisions of this Act into full force and effect.

Laws not inconsistent in full force.

SEC. 16. The provisions of previous Acts of Congress not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall remain in full force and effect.

Modification of existing contracts, duration of authority.

SEC. 17. (a) The authority granted in sections 3 and 4 of this Act for modifiction of existing repayment contracts or other forms of obligations to pay construction charges shall continue for five years from the date of this enactment in order to provide opportunity for negotiating and consummating said modifications and opportunity for enactment by the legislature of any State in which a project contract unit is located of any legislation which may be necessary to empower water users and organizations to execute and carry out the provisions of contracts entered into pursuant to the authority of this Act.

Time extensions for payment of construction charges, years 1939–1943.

Ante, p. 792.

(b) The authority of the Secretary under the Act entitled "An Act to authorize further relief to water users on United States and on Indian reclamation projects", approved May 31, 1939 (Public, Numbered 97, Seventy-sixth Congress, first session), is hereby extended in connection with the construction charges due and payable, under any existing obligation to pay construction charges, for each of the years 1939 to 1943, inclusive, to the extent such charges are not covered by modification of said obligation under section 3 or 4 of this Act.

Boulder Canyon Project Act, provisions not affected.
45 Stat. 1057.
43 U. S. C. §§ 617–617t.

SEC. 18. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to amend the Boulder Canyon Project Act (45 Stat. 1057), as amended.

Short title.

SEC. 19. This Act may be cited as the "Reclamation Project Act of 1939".

Approved, August 4, 1939.

[CHAPTER 419]

August 4, 1939
[S. 1773]
[Public, No. 261]

AN ACT

To provide that no statute of limitations shall apply to offenses punishable by death.

Offenses punishable by death.
Statute of limitations not to apply.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an indictment for any offense punishable by death may be found at any time without regard to any statute of limitations.

Offenses now barred by existing law.

SEC. 2. This Act shall not authorize prosecution, trial, or punishment for any offense now barred by the provisions of existing law.

Approved, August 4, 1939.

[CHAPTER 420]

August 4, 1939
[S. 1558]
[Public, No. 262]

AN ACT

To provide for the acceptance of an easement with respect to certain lands in New Mexico, and for other purposes.

New Mexico.
Acceptance of grant of perpetual easement with respect to certain lands in.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the grant of a perpetual easement to the United States Government and the Works Progress Administration pursuant to an instrument dated November 15, 1935, and recorded on December 22, 1936, for the construction and maintenance of a dam and reservoir in Bear Canyon, on the Mimbres River, in Grant County, New Mexico, located in