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cancel all charges carried on its books as apportioned against the lands of the Indians up to and including the date of the contract; (2) to recognize the prior first lien of the United States for the repayment of the adjusted charges remaining against the former Indian-owned lands approved by section 1 of this Act; and (3) to provide for the transfer of water rights from one tract of Indian-owned land within the said irrigation district to another, where, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior, such transfer is desirable and economically advisable in the proper utilization of the Indian lands.

Delinquent charges.

SEC. 3. In order to prevent the accumulation of delinquent project assessments or other charges against the former Indian-owned lands within the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to take such action as he may deem necessary to protect the adjusted sums due the Government as approved by section 1 of this Act, including the foreclosure of the Government's lien.

Approved, December 24, 1942.

[CHAPTER 817]

AN ACT

December 24, 1942
[H. R. 137]
[Public Law 837]

To provide for the appointment of an additional district judge for the eastern and western districts of Missouri.

Missouri.
Additional U. S. district judge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one additional United States district judge, who shall be an additional district judge for the eastern and western districts of Missouri. The judge so appointed shall at the time of his appointment be a resident and a citizen of the State of Missouri: *Provided*, That the first vacancy occurring in said office shall not be filled.

Proviso.

Approved, December 24, 1942.

[CHAPTER 818]

AN ACT

December 24, 1942
[H. R. 5486]
[Public Law 838]

To provide for means of egress for buildings in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia.
Regulation of means of egress for buildings.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, for protection against fire, are hereby authorized, after public hearing, to promulgate regulations to require the owner entitled to the beneficial use, rental, or control of any building now existing or hereafter erected, other than a private dwelling, which is three or more stories or over thirty feet in height, or is used as a hospital, school, asylum, sanitarium, convalescent home, or for similar use, or as a place of amusement, public assembly, restaurant, or for similar use, to provide, install, and maintain sufficient and suitable means of egress, guide signs, guide lights, exit lights, hall and stairway lights, standpipes, fire extinguishers, alarm gongs and striking stations, and such other appliances as the Commissioners may deem necessary for such buildings.

Occupancy after notice of noncompliance.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to occupy any building thirty days after notice in writing from the Commissioners of the District of Columbia or their designated agents that the owner entitled to the beneficial use, rental, or control of any building has failed or neglected to comply with the notice provided for by this Act to provide any such building with means of egress or appliances required by the regulations promulgated by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia under this Act.