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(c) The sum of $1,000,000 to continue the construction of the irrigation and power systems of the project. Amounts expended pursuant to this subsection shall be added to the construction costs of the project and shall be reimbursable. Construction.

(d) No expenditure shall be made from any appropriation granted under the authorizations contained in this section until the repayment of all reimbursable construction costs incurred through such expenditure has been secured by contracts conforming to the requirements of section 3 of this Act. Restriction.

SEC. 6. In each fiscal year commencing after the approval of this Act for which an appropriation of the power revenues from the project is made in an indefinite amount pursuant to section 3 of the Act of August 7, 1946 (60 Stat. 895; 31 U. S. C., sec. 725s–3), the power revenues so appropriated shall be available, to the extent of not to exceed $75,000, for the purpose, in addition to those other purposes now required or permitted by law, of making such improvements and extensions to the power system as the Secretary of the Interior may deem requisite for the provision of electric service to persons whose applications for such service could not otherwise be complied with in due course of business. Amounts so expended shall be added to the unmatured portion of the reimbursable construction costs of the power system in accordance with subsection 2 (f) of this Act, so as not to reduce the net power revenues available for application under subsection 2 (h) of this Act. Availability of appropriations.

SEC. 7. Consistent with the terms of the repayment contracts heretofore or hereafter executed, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to issue such public notices fixing construction costs and apportioning construction charges, to enter into such contracts, to make such determinations, to effect such adjustments in project accounts, to prescribe such regulations, and to do such other acts and things as may be necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this Act. Issuance of public notices.

SEC. 8. All Acts or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved May 25, 1948.

[CHAPTER 341]

AN ACT

Authorizing the execution of an amendatory repayment contract with the Northport Irrigation District, and for other purposes.

May 25, 1948
[H. R. 6067]
[Public Law 555]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior, upon finding specifically that existing repayment contracts between the United States and the Northport Irrigation District cannot reasonably be carried out by the said district, is authorized to enter into such contracts as he shall determine appropriate to amend or modify the terms and provisions of such repayment contracts to accomplish the following general repayment plan: (a) Application annually of such net profits as are allocable to the district from the sources specified in subsections I and J of section 4 of the Act of December 5, 1924 (43 Stat. 703), to the extent necessary to meet the annual costs to the district for water carriage through the Farmers' Irrigation District Canal; with any net profits in excess of such annual carriage costs being applied in reduction of the district's total repayment contract construction charge obligation to the United States; (b) payment by the district to the United States of $3,500 as an annual construction charge installment: *Provided*, That in the event the annual net profits for application under (a) hereof are not Northport Irrigation District. Amendment of repayment contracts. 43 U. S. C. §§ 501, 526. Reduction of installment.

sufficient in any given year to meet that year's cost of water carriage through the Farmers' Irrigation District Canal, all or any part of the said $3,500 may be applied to pay the portion of the carriage charge not so met, and the construction charge installment for payment to the United States for that year shall be reduced accordingly: *Provided further*, That the proviso respecting application of net revenues from power plants connected with the North Platte Federal Reclamation project contained in the Act of March 3, 1925 (43 Stat. 1141, 1167), is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Rules and regulations.

SEC. 2. 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 out the provisions of this Act and any contracts made pursuant thereto.

Approved May 25, 1948.

[CHAPTER 348]

AN ACT

May 26, 1948
[S. 1979]
[Public Law 556]

Authorizing and directing the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior to undertake certain studies of the soft-shell and hard-shell clams.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to undertake, in cooperation with appropriate State and interstate agencies in accordance with the provisions of the Act of August 14, 1946 (60 Stat. 1080), comprehensive studies of the soft-shell clam, Mya arenaria, and the hard-shell clam, Venus mercenaria, with particular respect to the biology, propagation, and methods of cultivation of such clams. Such Service shall from time to time recommend appropriate measures for (1) arresting depletion in existing productive beds; (2) restoring to production beds formerly productive but now barren or unusable; (3) developing new areas which may be found suitable; (4) improving methods and techniques of digging, transplanting, and handling; and (5) otherwise increasing production and improving the quality of such clams for the benefit of both producers and consumers.

Fish and Wildlife Service.
Studies of clams.

16 U. S. C. §§ 661-666c.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, for the five-year period beginning July 1, 1948, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $250,000 to carry out the studies of the soft-shell clam and the sum of $250,000 to carry out the studies of the hard-shell clam.

Approved May 26, 1948.

[CHAPTER 349]

AN ACT

May 26, 1948
[H. R. 5298]
[Public Law 557]

To establish Civil Air Patrol as a civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force and to authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to extend aid to Civil Air Patrol in the fulfillment of its objectives, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Civil Air Patrol be established as a volunteer civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force; and that, to assist Civil Air Patrol in the fulfillment of its objectives as set out in section 2 of Act of July 1, 1946 (Public Law 476, Seventy-ninth Congress), the Secretary of the Air Force is hereby authorized, to the extent and under such conditions and regulations as he may prescribe—

Civil Air Patrol.
Establishment as volunteer civilian auxiliary.

60 Stat. 346.
36 U. S. C. § 202.

(a) to make available to Civil Air Patrol by gift or by loan, sale or otherwise, with or without charge therefor, obsolete or