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and including the receipts for the year of operation ending in 1955 are authorized to be appropriated only for the investigation and construction of projects for such utilization in and equitably distributed among the four States of the upper division: *Provided, however*, That in view of distributions heretofore made, and in order to expedite the development and utilization of water projects within all of the States of the upper division, the distribution of such funds for use in the fiscal years 1949 to 1955, inclusive, shall be on a basis which is as nearly equal as practicable. Such receipts for the years of operation ending in 1956 to 1987, inclusive, are authorized to be appropriated for the investigation and construction of projects for such utilization in and equitably distributed among the States of the upper division and the States of the lower division. The terms 'Colorado River system', 'States of the upper division', and 'States of the lower division' as so used shall have the respective meanings defined in the Colorado River compact mentioned in the Project Act. Such projects shall be only such as are found by the Secretary to be physically feasible, economically justified, and consistent with such formulation of a comprehensive plan. Nothing in this Act shall be construed so as to prevent the authorization and construction of any such projects prior to the completion of said plan of comprehensive development; nor shall this Act be construed as affecting the right of any State to proceed independently of this Act or its provisions with the investigation or construction of any project or projects. Transfers under this section 2 (d) shall be deemed contractual obligations of the United States, subject to the provisions of section 3 of this Act."

Basis of distribution.

Terms defined.

45 Stat. 1057.
43 U. S. C. §§ 617-617t.

Contractual obligations of U. S.

54 Stat. 776.
43 U. S. C. § 618b.

SEC. 2. The availability of appropriations from the Colorado River Development Fund for the investigation and construction of projects in any of the States of the Colorado River Basin shall not be held to forbid the expenditure of other funds for those purposes in any of those States where such funds are otherwise available therefor.

Approved June 1, 1948.

[CHAPTER 365]

AN ACT

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, to permit the exercise of certain options on or before August 8, 1950.

June 1, 1948
[H. R. 6302]
[Public Law 571]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second proviso of section 27 of the Act entitled "An Act to promote the mining of coal, phosphate, oil, oil shale, gas, and sodium on the public domain", approved February 25, 1920, as amended (U. S. C., 1946 edition, title 30, sec. 184), is hereby amended by striking out "within two years after the passage of this Act" and inserting in lieu thereof "on or before August 8, 1950".

41 Stat. 448.
Post, p. 291.

Approved June 1, 1948.

[CHAPTER 366]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for the quartering, in certain public buildings in the District of Columbia, of troops participating in the inaugural ceremonies of 1949.

June 1, 1948
[H. J. Res. 381]
[Public Law 572]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of the Federal Works Agency or head of any executive department or establishment is authorized to allocate such space in any public building under his care and supervision as he deems necessary for the purposes of quartering troops participating in the inaugural ceremonies

Inaugural ceremonies, 1949.
Quartering of troops.