

No such determination of the Secretary of the Interior shall become effective until the expiration of sixty days after it has been submitted to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Public Lands of the House of Representatives. The term "rehabilitation and betterment", as used in this Act, shall mean maintenance, including replacements, which cannot be financed currently, as otherwise contemplated by the Federal reclamation laws in the case of operation and maintenance costs, but shall not include construction, the costs of which are returnable, in whole or in part, through "construction charges" as that term is defined in section 2 (d) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187). Such rehabilitation and betterment work may be performed by contract, by force-account, or, notwithstanding any other law and subject only to such reasonable terms and conditions as the Secretary of the Interior shall deem appropriate for the protection of the United States, by contract entered into with the organization concerned whereby such organization shall perform such work.

SEC. 2. This Act shall be deemed a supplement to the Federal reclamation laws.

Approved October 7, 1949.

[CHAPTER 651]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to complete construction of the irrigation facilities and to contract with the water users on the Buffalo Rapids project, Montana, increasing the reimbursable construction cost obligation, and for other purposes.

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 is authorized to complete the construction of irrigation facilities including necessary drainage works on the first and second divisions of the Buffalo Rapids project, Montana, as approved by the President under authority of the Act of May 10, 1939 (53 Stat. 685), and the Act of October 14, 1940 (54 Stat. 1119), as amended: *Provided,* That of the funds heretofore or hereafter expended for such construction an amount equal to \$60 per irrigable acre as determined and announced by the Secretary of the Interior upon completion of the project, shall be reimbursable by the water users over a repayment period of not to exceed sixty years, and provision for the recovery thereof and for payment of the operation and maintenance costs of the irrigation and drainage features of the project shall be made by a contract or contracts satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 2. To carry out the purposes of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to allot any moneys available from appropriations heretofore made to the Department of the Interior for "water conservation and utility projects" and "water conservation and utilization projects", and there is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums of money as may be necessary to complete the project.

Approved October 10, 1949.

[CHAPTER 652]

AN ACT

To authorize completion of the land development and settlement of the Angostura unit of the Missouri Basin project, notwithstanding a limitation of time.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary

Effective date.

"Rehabilitation and betterment."

"Construction charges."
 43 U. S. C. § 485a (d).

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 [Public Law 336]

Buffalo Rapids project, Mont.
 Irrigation facilities.

16 U. S. C. §§ 590 y-590z-10; Supp. II, § 590z-2 note.
Ante, p. 171.
 Reimbursement by water users.

Allotment of funds.

Appropriation authorized.

October 10, 1949
 [H. R. 2538]
 [Public Law 337]

Missouri Basin project.
 Angostura unit.