

tax rate of 1.25 per centum of the assessed value which is provided for in section 3 of the Act of May 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1372).

SEC. 2. The proceeds of the bond issues or other obligations herein authorized shall be expended only for the public improvements set forth in section 1 of this Act, or for the reduction of the debt created by such bond issue or obligation, unless otherwise authorized by the Congress.

SEC. 3. Bonds or other obligations issued pursuant to this Act shall not be a debt of the United States, nor shall the United States be liable thereon.

Approved October 27, 1949.

[CHAPTER 770]

AN ACT

To approve contracts negotiated with the Belle Fourche Irrigation District, the Deaver Irrigation District, the Westland Irrigation District, the Stanfield Irrigation District, the Vale Oregon Irrigation District, and the Prosser Irrigation District, to authorize their execution, 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 contracts referred to in sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this Act, which have been negotiated by the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") pursuant to subsection (a) of section 7 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187), are hereby approved and the Secretary is hereby authorized to execute them on behalf of the United States.

BELLE FOURCHE PROJECT, SOUTH DAKOTA

SEC. 2. The contract with the Belle Fourche Irrigation District which was approved by the electors of said district on May 3, 1949.

(a) The 1947 reclassification of the lands of the Belle Fourche Irrigation District, made in accordance with the provisions of section 8 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, and approved by the board of directors of said district on December 27, 1948, is approved.

(b) Contingent upon execution of said contract all payments upon construction charges shall be suspended against three thousand four hundred twenty and seven-tenths acres of land classified under the Act of May 25, 1926 (44 Stat. 636), as in part productive and in part unproductive and found to be temporarily unproductive under the reclassification of lands, approved in section 2 of this Act until the Secretary shall declare them to be possessed of sufficient productive power to be placed in a paying class, whereupon payment of construction charges against such areas shall be resumed. The reclassification of such areas shall be completed by the Secretary within five years of the effective date of said contract. While said lands so classified as temporarily unproductive and the construction charges against them are suspended, water for irrigation purposes may be furnished upon payment of the usual operation and maintenance charges, or such other charges as may be fixed by the Secretary, the advance payment of which may be required in the discretion of the Secretary. Should said lands temporarily classed as unproductive, or any of them, be found by the Secretary to be permanently unproductive, there shall be deducted from the construction charge obligation of said Belle Fourche Irrigation District on account of them an amount obtained by multiplying the total acreage declared by the Secretary to be permanently unproductive by the sum of \$43.90 per acre for construction charge plus \$10.17 per acre for drainage costs.

48 U. S. C. § 1401b.  
Proceeds.

Nonliability of U. S.

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[H. R. 5184]  
[Public Law 419]

Irrigation districts.  
Approval of contracts.

53 Stat. 1192.  
43 U. S. C. § 485f (a).

53 Stat. 1192.  
43 U. S. C. § 485g.

Suspension of construction charges.

43 U. S. C. §§ 610,  
423-423g.

Reclassification of lands.

Water for irrigation purposes.

Deductions from construction charge obligations.

## Permanent loss

(c) The amounts deducted from the construction charge obligation of the Belle Fourche Irrigation District as adjusted in said contract and as provided in subsection (b) of this section shall be charged off as a permanent loss to the reclamation fund, but no adjustment shall be made by the United States by reason thereof with any individual landowner either by refund, credit, exchange of land, or otherwise.

## SHOSHONE PROJECT, WYOMING

SEC. 3. The contract with the Deaver Irrigation District which was approved by the electors of said district on April 9, 1949.

## Suspension of construction charge obligations.

(a) The reclassification of lands, with the consequent modification of the Deaver Irrigation District's construction charge obligation, which is provided in said contract, is hereby approved. The construction charge obligation on account of lands found to be temporarily unproductive under such reclassification shall be suspended until the Secretary places such lands in a pay or permanently unproductive status in accordance with said contract. No landowner owning lands within the district which, under such reclassification, have been found to be temporarily or permanently unproductive or which are hereafter placed in a permanently unproductive status in accordance with said contract, shall be thereby entitled to a credit or refund by the United States for construction charges heretofore paid on account of such lands or to an exchange of such lands for other public lands.

## Reclassification of additional lands.

(b) The Secretary is authorized to further reclassify not to exceed an additional one hundred acres of land in the Frannie Division of the Shoshone project and to modify the Deaver Irrigation District's construction charge obligation in accordance with said contract and pursuant to the conditions herein provided if, upon such reclassification, he determines that the pay status of any such reclassified lands should be changed.

## Net revenues.

45 Stat. 1592.

(c) The proviso affecting the application of net revenues of the Shoshone power plant, as contained in the Act of March 4, 1929 (45 Stat. 1562), and the Act of April 9, 1938 (52 Stat. 210), are hereby modified to the extent necessary to permit not to exceed \$213,000 of the net revenues of the Shoshone power plant to be applied on payments to be made under article 9 (a) of said contract.

## Rehabilitation of irrigation works.

(d) The rehabilitation of the irrigation works serving the Deaver Irrigation District contemplated under said contract 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 shall deem appropriate for the protection of the United States, by contract entered into with the Deaver Irrigation District whereby said district shall perform such work.

## UMATILLA PROJECT, OREGON

SEC. 4. The contract with the Westland Irrigation District which was approved by the electors of said district on May 14, 1949, and the contract with the Stanfield Irrigation District which was approved by the electors of said district on May 21, 1949.

## Deposit of payments.

(a) All payments made by the said districts and other parties under contracts for the delivery of water from McKay Dam and Reservoir shall be deposited in a special deposit account with the appropriate regional disbursing officer of the Treasury Department and such payments shall be available for expenditure (i) to meet operation and maintenance costs for the McKay Dam and Reservoir for the year for which paid, and (ii) for the accumulation in said special deposit account of an operation and maintenance reserve, sufficient in the Secretary's judgment to assure proper operation and maintenance of

McKay Dam and Reservoir. Following the close of each calendar year, moneys in said special deposit account, in excess of the requirements of (i) and (ii) as determined by the Secretary, shall be transferred to the reclamation fund.

Transfer of funds.

#### VALE PROJECT, OREGON

SEC. 5. The contract dated April 11, 1949, with the Vale Oregon Irrigation District.

(a) All beginning with the first "Provided" under the subheading "Vale Project, Oregon", under the heading "Bureau of Reclamation", of the Act of March 3, 1925 (43 Stat. 1141, 1168), is hereby repealed, and the word "Vale" is hereby stricken out from the first sentence of the third paragraph under the heading "Bureau of Reclamation" of the Act of May 10, 1926 (44 Stat. 453, 479).

Repeal.

#### YAKIMA PROJECT, WASHINGTON

SEC. 6. The contract with the Prosser Irrigation District which was approved by the electors of said district on May 28, 1949.

SEC. 7. In the event expenditures are made by the United States for rehabilitation and betterment work as contemplated by the terms of the contracts approved by sections 2, 3, and 5 of this Act, payments made to the United States in reduction of the respective construction charge obligations thereunder shall be applied annually against such expenditures until an amount equal thereto shall have been returned to the United States.

Return of expenditures made by U. S.

Ante, p. 942.

SEC. 8. This Act is declared to be a part of the Federal reclamation laws as these are defined in the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187).

43 U. S. C. § 485k; Supp. II, § 485a note.

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#### [CHAPTER 771]

#### AN ACT

To authorize certain construction at military and naval installations, and for other purposes.

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[Public Law 420]

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

Construction at military and naval installations.

#### TITLE I

SEC. 101. The Secretary of the Army, under the direction of the Secretary of Defense, is hereby authorized to establish or develop military installations and facilities by the construction, installation, or equipment of temporary or permanent public works, including buildings, facilities, appurtenances, and utilities, as follows:

Army.

#### OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES

Alaska: Survey Valdez pipe line, \$315,000.

Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska: Petroleum terminal storage, \$2,000,000.

Fort Richardson, Alaska: Ordnance shops, water intake, petroleum terminal storage and dock, design of four-hundred-bed station hospital, water supply, warehouses, heat and power plant, water treatment, enlisted men's service club, outside utilities, bachelor officers' quarters, barracks, family housing and utilities, \$34,253,655.

Whittier, Alaska: Outside utilities, central heat and power plant, composite bachelor housing, service and recreation building, \$9,514,700.