fourth class may enter into contracts for the performance of mail-messenger service, and allowance may be made therefor from the appropriations for mail-messenger service: *Provided*, That the Postmaster General shall determine that the performance of such contracts will not interfere with the regular duties of such employees or with the operations of the postal service. The total amount payable under such contract to any postmaster, assistant postmaster, clerk, or rural carrier shall not exceed $900 in any one year. Special-delivery messengers at post offices of all classes may enter into contracts for mail-messenger service."

Approved July 3, 1952.

Public Law 444 CHAPTER 553

AN ACT

July 3, 1952
[H. R. 7877]

To amend section 1699 of title 18 of the United States Code, relating to the unloading of mail from vessels.

Postal service.
62 Stat. 777.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1699 of title 18 of the United States Code is amended (a) by inserting after "post office," in the first paragraph "except where waybilled for discharge at other ports in the United States at which the vessel is scheduled to call and the Postmaster General does not determine that unreasonable delay in the mails will occur,"; (b) by inserting before the period at the end of the first paragaph a comma and the following: "except where waybilled for discharge at other ports in the United States at which the said vessel is scheduled to call and which the Postmaster General has not determined will be unreasonably delayed by remaining on board the said vessel for delivery at such ports"; and (c) by striking out in the last paragraph "before he has delivered such letters", and inserting in lieu thereof "before he has arranged for such delivery or onward carriage".

Approved July 3, 1952.

Public Law 445 CHAPTER 565

AN ACT

July 3, 1952
[H. R. 2813]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct, operate, and maintain the Collbran reclamation project, Colorado.

Collbran reclamation project, Colo.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of supplying water for the irrigation of approximately twenty-one thousand acres of land and for municipal, domestic, industrial, and stockwater uses and of producing and disposing of hydroelectric power and, as incidental to said purposes, for the further purpose of providing for the preservation and propagation of fish and wildlife, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to construct the Collbran reclamation project, Colorado, substantially in accord with the plans set forth in the report of the Bureau of Reclamation approved by him, May 9, 1950, the estimated construction cost of which project is approximately $16,086,000, and to operate and maintain the same.

SEC. 2. In constructing, operating, and maintaining the Collbran project, the Secretary shall be governed by the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto) except so far as these laws are inconsistent

43 USC 391.

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