SEC. 4. Nothing in this Act shall modify in any way the requirements and provisions of existing laws with respect to the availability of funds for construction and operation and maintenance of the Chief Joseph Dam and power plant.

Approved July 17, 1952.

Public Law 578 CHAPTER 926

July 17, 1952
[H. R. 6723]

AN ACT

To approve contracts negotiated with the Gering and Fort Laramie Irrigation District, the Goshen Irrigation District, and the Pathfinder Irrigation District, and to authorize their execution; and to authorize the execution of contracts with individual water right contractors on the North Platte Federal reclamation project, and for other purposes.

Approval of certain irrigation contracts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the contract with the Gering and Fort Laramie Irrigation District, which was approved by the district electors on November 15, 1951; the contract with the Goshen Irrigation District, which was approved by the district electors on November 15, 1951; and the contract with the Pathfinder Irrigation District, which was approved by the district electors on November 15, 1951, all of 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; 43 U. S. C. 485), are hereby approved and the Secretary is hereby authorized to execute them on behalf of the United States.

53 Stat. 1192.
43 USC 485f.

SEC. 2. The Secretary is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the United States—

North Platte Federal reclamation project.

(a) contracts with individual water right contractors on the North Platte Federal reclamation project whose lands are not included within the boundaries of a project irrigation district which contracts shall provide, among other things, (i) that said water user shall relinquish his interest in the present and potential power revenues of or related to the North Platte project; (ii) that the power acquisition consideration for each contractor, which shall be the proportionate part of $6,636,873 represented by the ratio of the contractor's irrigable acreage to the total irrigable acreage of the project, as determined by the Secretary, shall be applied as a credit upon the water user's obligation to the United States for construction charges and for future charges for operation and maintenance of project works; (iii) that the miscellaneous revenues accruing to the benefit of the water user, pursuant to subsections I and J of section 4 of the Act of December 5, 1924 (43 Stat. 672, 703), shall be retained by the United States for the establishment and maintenance of a fund in an amount fixed by the Secretary to be used by the Secretary for replacement and operation and maintenance of project works operated and maintained by the United States.

SEC. 3. The authority granted in section 2 of this Act to make contracts shall continue for five years from the effective date of this Act, but the power acquisition consideration provided in section 2 of this Act for the individual water right contractors shall be reduced by whatever amount of net power revenues shall have accrued to the benefit of such individual water right contractors after June 30, 1950, by virtue of their not having previously relinquished their respective interests in said power revenues.

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Deposit of revenues.

SEC. 4. Miscellaneous revenues accruing pursuant to subsections I and J of section 4 of the Act of December 5, 1924, on behalf of those who have contracted with the United States pursuant to this Act shall be deposited in a special deposit account in the Treasury Department, and such revenues may be expended, as in such contracts provided, for the replacement of the project works operated and maintained by the United States and to supplement funds advanced by the water users to meet annual costs of operation and maintenance of such works.

SEC. 5. 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 USC 485k.

Hydroelectric plants, etc.

SEC. 6. No extension, enlargement, or addition of any hydroelectric plant, transmission line, or accompanying works on the Gering and Fort Laramie Irrigation District, the Goshen Irrigation District, the Pathfinder Irrigation District, or Northport Irrigation District shall be built or contracted for until such extension, enlargement, or addition have been authorized by Congress.

Approved July 17, 1952.

Public Law 579

CHAPTER 927

AN ACT

To extend the duration of the Water Pollution Control Act.

July 17, 1952
[H. R. 6856]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the words "each of the five fiscal years during the period beginning July 1, 1948, and ending June 30, 1953" where they occur in section 7 and subsections (a), (c), (d), and (e) of section 8 of the Water Pollution Control Act (Public Law 845, Eightieth Congress), are hereby amended to read "each of the eight fiscal years during the period beginning July 1, 1948, and ending June 30, 1956".

62 Stat. 1159.
33 USC 466f, 466g.

Approved July 17, 1952.

Public Law 580

CHAPTER 928

AN ACT

To amend the Tariff Act of 1930 with respect to the importation of the feathers of wild birds, and for other purposes.

July 17, 1952
[H. R. 7594]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph 1518 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U. S. C., sec. 1001, par. 1518) is hereby amended by inserting "(a)" after "1518."; and by striking out the two provisos at the end of the first subparagraph and all the second subparagraph, and inserting in lieu thereof the following new subparagraphs:

Tariff Act of 1930, amendment.
46 Stat. 661.

Importation of feathers.

"(b) Except as provided in subparagraphs (c) and (d), the importation of the feathers or skin of any bird is hereby prohibited. Such prohibition shall apply to the feathers or skin of any bird—

"(1) whether raw or processed;

"(2) whether the whole plumage or skin or any part of either;

"(3) whether or not attached to a whole bird or any part thereof; and

"(4) whether or not forming part of another article.

"(c) Subparagraph (b) shall not apply—

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