

48 Stat. 159.  
32 USC 66, 171-176.

(b) This Act does not modify in any manner any provision of section 81 of the National Defense Act, as amended.

61 Stat. 840.  
34 USC 211a(c).

(c) This Act does not modify in any manner any provision of subsection 304 (c) of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947, as amended.

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Public Law 774

CHAPTER 1258

AN ACT

September 3, 1954  
[H. R. 2235]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct the Santa Maria project, Southern Pacific Basin, California.

Santa Maria project, Calif.

*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 hereby authorized to construct the project for irrigation and the conservation of water, flood control, and for other purposes, on Santa Maria River, California, pursuant to the laws of California relating to water and water rights, and, otherwise substantially in accordance with the recommendations of the Secretary of the Interior dated January 16, 1953, entitled "Santa Maria project, Southern Pacific Basin, California", in relation to the Vaquero Dam and Reservoir and any other conservation feature of the project: *Provided*, That in view of the special circumstances of the Santa Maria project, neither the provisions of the third sentence of section 46 of the Act of May 25, 1926 (44 Stat. 636, 649) nor any other similar provision of the Federal reclamation laws shall be applicable thereto so long as the water utilized on project lands is acquired by pumping from the underground reservoir: *Provided further*, That a repayment contract not exceeding a period of fifty years be executed prior to commencement of construction of the works herein authorized.

43 USC 423e.

Repayment contract.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be required for the purposes of this Act not to exceed \$16,982,000.

Approved September 3, 1954.

Public Law 775

CHAPTER 1259

AN ACT

September 3, 1954  
[H. R. 5420]

To amend section 161, title 35, United States Code, relating to the patenting of plants.

Patents for plants.  
66 Stat. 804.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 161, title 35, United States Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 161. PATENTS FOR PLANTS.—Whoever invents or discovers and asexually reproduces any distinct and new variety of plant, including cultivated sports, mutants, hybrids, and newly found seedlings, other than a tuber propagated plant or a plant found in an uncultivated state, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

"The provisions of this title relating to patents for inventions shall apply to patents for plants, except as otherwise provided."

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