withdrawal; and on any articles which shall have suffered diminution or deterioration from incidental handling or exposure, the duties, if payable, shall be assessed according to the appraised value at the time of withdrawal from entry hereunder for consumption or entry under the general tariff law: *Provided further*, That imported articles provided for herein shall not be subject to any marking requirements of the general tariff laws, except when such articles are withdrawn for consumption or use in the United States, in which case they shall not be released from customs custody until properly marked, but no additional duty shall be assessed because such articles were not sufficiently marked when imported into the United States: *Provided further*, That at any time during or within three months after the close of such fair, any article entered hereunder may be abandoned to the Government or destroyed under customs supervision, whereupon any duties on such articles shall be remitted: *Provided further*, That articles which have been admitted without payment of duty for exhibition under any tariff law and which have remained in continuous customs custody or under a customs exhibition bond and imported articles in bonded warehouses under the general tariff law may be accorded the privilege of transfer to and entry for exhibition at such fair under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe: *And provided further*, That the International Trade-Sample Fair shall be deemed, for customs purposes only, to be the sole consignee of all merchandise imported under the provisions of this joint resolution, and the actual and necessary customs charges for labor, services, and other expenses in connection with the entry, examination, appraisement, release, or custody, together with the necessary charges for salaries of customs officers and employees in connection with the supervision, custody of, and accounting for, articles imported under the provisions of this joint resolution, shall be reimbursed by the International Trade-Sample Fair to the Government of the United States under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury; and receipts from such reimbursements shall be deposited as refunds to the appropriation from which paid, in the manner provided for in section 524 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U. S. C., sec. 1524).

Marking requirements.

Abandoned articles, etc.

Transfers.

Payment of customs charges, etc.

52 Stat. 1087.

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[H. R. 7371]

AN ACT

To provide for the disposal of paid postal-savings certificates.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) all claims for payment of any postal-savings certificate, or other evidence of deposit in the postal-savings depository system, including duplicates, which certificate or evidence of deposit, including duplicates, are shown by the records of the Post Office Department to have been duly paid, shall be barred if not presented to the Postmaster General within six years from the date on which such records show that they were paid.

Paid postal savings certificates. Claims.

(b) Final determination as to whether payment properly has been made on postal-savings certificates or other evidences of deposit in the postal-savings depository system, including duplicates, shall be based upon the official records of the Post Office Department.

Disposal.

SEC. 2. The Postmaster General may, under such regulations as he may prescribe, destroy, or otherwise dispose of, all postal-savings certificates, or other evidences of deposit in the postal-savings depository system, including duplicates, after the expiration of six years from the date payment thereon has been made as shown by the records of the Post Office Department.

Effective date.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth calendar month following the date of its enactment.

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AN ACT

July 14, 1954
[H. R. 3191]

Conferring jurisdiction on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California to hear, determine, and render judgment upon certain claims of the State of California.

Sacramento River levee damage claims, Calif.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, sitting without a jury, to hear, determine, and render judgment upon the claims of the State of California against the United States for reimbursement of the amounts expended and to be expended in repairing the damage to levees and other flood-control works of the Sacramento River alleged to have resulted from the closing of the outlet gates on Shasta Dam by the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, during May 1948.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding any statute of limitations or lapse of time, suit upon such claims may be instituted at any time within one year after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 3. In any suit brought pursuant to this Act (whether sounding in tort or in contract) proceedings shall be had, and the liability, if any, of the United States shall be determined, in accordance with the provisions of law applicable in the case of contract claims, or under the Federal Tort Claims Act, as amended, respectively, against the United States: *Provided*, That the passage of this legislation shall not be construed as an inference of liability on the part of the United States Government.

60 Stat. 842; 62 Stat. 982. 28 USC 2671 et seq.

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AN ACT

July 14, 1954
[H. R. 6893]

To credit the Shoshone Irrigation District with a share of the net revenues from the Shoshone powerplant, and for other purposes.

Shoshone Irrigation District, Wyo. Powerplant revenue contract.

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, on behalf of the United States to enter into a contract with the Shoshone Irrigation District, Wyoming, containing appropriate provisions whereby—

(a) the United States shall credit the district with the sum of $426,000 which sum shall be applied toward the payment of the annual construction payments of the district under its contract with the United States dated November 4, 1926, or any amendment thereof, as the same become due for the year 1954 and subsequent years until such credit is exhausted. Until such credit