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.

Approved July 14, 1954.

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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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Public Law 489 — CHAPTER 478

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