Public Law 625 CHAPTER 829

AN ACT

August 23, 1954
[S. 546]

To authorize payment for losses sustained by owners of wells in the vicinity of Cold Brook Dam by reason of the lowering of the level of water in such wells as a result of the construction of Cold Brook Dam.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army, through the Chief of Engineers, is authorized and directed to compensate the owners of water wells in the vicinity of Cold Brook Dam in South Dakota for losses determined by him to have been sustained by reason of the lowering of the level of water in such wells as a result, wholly or partially, of the construction and operation of Cold Brook Dam. Losses compensable under this Act shall include, but not be limited to, (1) the expense of improving or replacing the affected wells so that an amount of water equal to the amount previously obtainable from the affected wells will be available to the owners; (2) the expense of maintaining an adequate supply of water pending the completion of the improvement or replacement of the affected wells; and (3) injuries to property resulting from the lack of an adequate supply of water pending the completion of the improvement or replacement of the affected wells.

Cold Brook Dam, S. Dak.
Water level damages.

SEC. 2. Claims for losses compensable under this Act shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Army, through the Chief of Engineers, in such form and in such manner as the Secretary may prescribe. Any such claim shall be submitted not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, or not later than two years after the lowering of the level of water which is the basis for the claim, whichever is the later.

Claims.

SEC. 3. Payment of claims for losses compensable under this Act shall be made by the Secretary of the Army out of any funds available for flood control.

Payment.

Approved August 23, 1954.

Public Law 626 CHAPTER 830

AN ACT

August 23, 1954
[S. 2420]

To amend section 32 of the Trading With the Enemy Act, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 32 of the Trading With the Enemy Act of October 6, 1917 (40 Stat. 411), as amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsection:

Trading With Enemy Act, amendment.
60 Stat. 50.
50 USC app. 32.

"(h) The President may designate one or more organizations as successors in interest to deceased persons who, if alive, would be eligible to receive returns under the provisos of subdivision (C) or (D) of subsection (a) (2) thereof. An organization so designated shall be deemed a successor in interest by operation of law for the purpose of subsection (a) (1) hereof. Return may be made, to an organization so designated, (a) before the expiration of two years from the vesting of the property or interest in question, if the President or such officer or agency as he may designate determines from all relevant facts of which he is then advised that there is no basis for reasonable doubt that the former owner is dead and is survived by no person eligible under section 32 to claim as successor in interest by inheritance, devise, or bequest; and (b) after the expiration of

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