

costs, if any, as may thereafter be incurred by the United States in its operation and maintenance of the project works; and

(5) provide for payment of rates under any contract entered into pursuant to said subsection (e) in advance of delivery of water on an annual or semiannual basis as specified in the contract.

(6) include a reasonable construction component in the rates set out in any long-term contract hereafter entered into under said subsection (e) prior to amortization of that part of the cost of constructing the project which is assigned to be repaid by the contracting party.

Contract amend-
ments.

43 USC 485h.

"Long-term con-
tract".

Effectivity.

SEC. 2. The Secretary is hereby authorized to negotiate amendments to existing contracts entered into pursuant to section 9, subsection (e), of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to conform said contracts to the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. As used in this Act, the term "long-term contract" shall mean any contract the term of which is more than ten years.

SEC. 4. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting or intended to affect or to in any way interfere with the laws of any State relating to the control, appropriation, use, or distribution of water used in irrigation, or any vested right acquired thereunder, and the Secretary in carrying out the provisions of this Act, shall proceed in conformity with such laws, and nothing herein shall in any way affect any right of any State or of the Federal Government or of any landowner, appropriator, or user of water in, to, or from any interstate stream or the waters thereof: *Provided*, That the right to the use of water acquired under the provisions of this Act shall be appurtenant to the land irrigated and beneficial use shall be the basis, the measure, and the limit of the right.

43 USC 371 note.

SEC. 5. This Act shall be a supplement to the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto).

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CHAPTER 493

AN ACT

July 2, 1956
[H. R. 5590]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to recognize the high public service rendered by Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever", approved February 28, 1929, by including therein the name of Gustaf E. Lambert.

Walter Reed, as-
sociates.
Gustaf E. Lam-
bert.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to recognize the high public service rendered by Major Walter Reed and those associated with him in the discovery of the cause and means of transmission of yellow fever", approved February 28, 1929 (45 Stat. 1409), is hereby amended by inserting after the name of John J. Moran, wherever it appears in such Act, the name of Gustaf E. Lambert.

Benefits.

SEC. 2. No benefits shall be paid by reason of the amendment made by this Act for any period prior to the date an application therefor is filed with the Veterans' Administration after the date of enactment of this Act and payment of any such benefits shall be made by the Veterans' Administration.

Approved July 2, 1956.