[CHAPTER 1057]

AN ACT

To authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Vermejo reclamation project, New Mexico.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purposes of irrigating approximately seven thousand two hundred acres of semiarid lands in Colfax County, New Mexico, controlling floods, and providing for the preservation and propagation of fish and wildlife, as authorized by the Act of August 14, 1946 (60 Stat. 1080), the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, is authorized to construct, operate, and maintain the Vermejo reclamation project, and, in so doing, to acquire lands and interests in lands, to rehabilitate, repair, and replace, to the extent necessary, existing works of the Maxwell Irrigation Company, and to acquire, upon terms and conditions satisfactory to him, such assets of said company or any successor in interest as may be required or proper for carrying out the purposes of the project or for protecting the investment of the United States therein.

Sec. 2. The Vermejo reclamation project shall, except as is otherwise provided, be governed by the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto): Provided, That, of the cost of constructing the project, $2,010,080, or so much of said amount as is approved for allocation to irrigation, shall be repaid under a contract or contracts satisfactory to the Secretary, at the maximum rate which, in his judgment, is consistent with the repayment ability of the contracting organization and over such period of years as, in his judgment, is consistent with the maximum repayment ability of the contracting organization.

Sec. 3. Construction of the Vermejo reclamation project shall not be commenced until the President shall have approved a project report and there shall have been established, pursuant to the laws of the State of New Mexico, an organization with powers satisfactory to the Secretary, including the power to tax property, both real and personal, within its boundaries (which boundaries shall include the lands to be benefited by the project works) and the power to enter into a contract or contracts with the United States for payment or return, as the case may be, of the reimbursable costs of the project and such contract or contracts shall have been duly executed.

Sec. 4. The Secretary is authorized to enter into arrangements with appropriate Federal, State, or local agencies for the construction, operation, maintenance, administration, and management of the fish and wildlife facilities to be provided under the Vermejo reclamation project.

Sec. 5. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be required to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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[CHAPTER 1058]

AN ACT

To amend section 61 of the National Defense Act to permit the States to organize military forces, other than as parts of their National Guard units, to serve while the National Guard is in active Federal service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 61
of the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, as amended (32 U. S. C. 194), is amended to read as follows:

"(a) No State shall maintain troops in time of peace other than as authorized in accordance with the organization prescribed under this Act. Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to limit the rights of the States in the use of the National Guard within their respective borders in time of peace or to prevent the organization and maintenance of State police or constabulary.

"(b) Effective for a period of two years after the date of enactment of this amendment, and under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe for the organization, standards of training, instruction, and discipline, the organization by and maintenance within any State of such military forces other than a National Guard as may be provided by the laws of such State is hereby authorized while any part of the National Guard of such State is in active Federal service. Such military forces shall not be called, ordered, or in any manner drafted, as such, into the military services of the United States. No person shall, by reason of his membership in any unit of any such military forces, be exempted from military service under any Federal law. The Secretary of the Army is authorized, in his discretion and under such regulations as he may prescribe, to use appropriations for the Military Establishment for any expenses of the United States incident to the training of the military forces authorized by this subsection except for pay, subsistence, medical care and treatment, and transportation of members of such military forces between their homes and the places of performance of such training. The Secretary of the Army, in his discretion and under regulations determined by him, is authorized to issue, from time to time, for the use of such military forces, to any State, upon requisition of the Chief Executive thereof, such arms, ammunition, clothing, and equipment as he deems necessary.

"(c) As used in this section, the term 'State' means any State or Territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, or the Canal Zone."

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[CHAPTER 1059]

AN ACT
To include the Coast Guard within the provisions of the Selective Service Act of 1948 and to authorize the President to extend enlistments in the Coast Guard.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Selective Service Act of 1948, as amended, is amended as follows:

(1) The third sentence of section 4 (a) is amended by inserting before the period the phrase “and such number of persons as in his judgment may be required for the United States Coast Guard”.

(2) The second paragraph of section 4 (a) is amended by inserting before the period the phrase, “or the Secretary of the Treasury”.

(3) The third paragraph of section 4 (a) is amended by inserting after the phrase “Secretary of Defense” the phrase “or the Secretary of the Treasury”.

(4) The fourth paragraph of section 4 (a) is amended by inserting after the phrase “United States Marine Corps” the phrase “or the United States Coast Guard”.

(5) Section 4 (b) is amended by inserting before the period the phrase “, or the Secretary of the Treasury”.