CHAP. 702.—An Act To authorize credit upon the construction charges of certain water-right applicants and purchasers on the Yuma and Yuma Mesa auxiliary reclamation projects, and for other purposes.

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 be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to credit the individual water-right applicants in the Yuma reclamation project and the purchasers of water rights in the Yuma Mesa auxiliary reclamation project, on the construction charges due under their contracts with the United States under the reclamation Act and Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, with their proportionate part of all payments heretofore made or hereafter to be made by the Imperial irrigation district, of California, under contract entered into under date of October 23, 1918, between the said district and the Secretary of the Interior: Provided, That lands in the Yuma Indian Reservation for which water rights have been purchased shall share pro rata in the credits so to be applied.

Approved, June 28, 1926.

CHAP. 703.—Joint Resolution To secure a replica of the Houdon bust of Washington for lodgment in the Pan American Building.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to secure a replica of the Houdon bust of Washington, in white marble with suitable pedestal, for lodgment in the Hall of Americas of the Pan American Building at Washington in accordance with the plan contemplated at the time of the completion of the Pan American Building, not to exceed in cost the sum of $1,000, which amount is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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CHAP. 704.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to employ engineers for consultation in connection with the construction of dams for irrigation purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized, in his judgment and discretion, to employ for consultation on the plans and specifications for any dam proposed to be constructed by the Department of the Interior, the services of not more than three experienced engineers, determined by him to have the necessary qualifications, without regard to civil-service requirements and at rates of compensation to be fixed by him for each, respectively, but not to exceed $50 per day and necessary traveling expenses, including a per diem of not to exceed $6 in lieu of subsistence for each engineer respectively, not exceeding in the aggregate more than $3,500 for any engineer so employed for the time employed and actually engaged upon such work: Provided, That retired officers of the Army may be employed by the Secretary of the Interior as consulting engineers in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

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