[CHAPTER 148]

AN ACT

To authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Paonia Federal reclamation project, Colorado.

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 through the Bureau of Reclamation is hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate, pursuant to the Federal reclamation laws, the Paonia project, Colorado, substantially in accordance with the report of the regional director of the Bureau of Reclamation, region IV, dated January 2, 1946, as concurred in by the Commissioner of Reclamation and the Secretary of the Interior: Provided, That, notwithstanding any recommendations to the contrary contained in said report, all costs allocated to irrigation shall be reimbursable under the Federal reclamation laws within repayment periods fixed by the Secretary of the Interior at not to exceed sixty-eight years.

Sec. 2. Unexpended balances of sums heretofore appropriated for the Paonia project, Colorado, authorized by finding of feasibility of the Secretary of the Interior approved by the President on March 18, 1939, are hereby made immediately available for expenditure on the Paonia project hereby authorized.

Sec. 3. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such additional sums as may be required for the purposes of this Act.

Approved June 25, 1947.

[CHAPTER 149]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of War to permit the delivery of water from the District of Columbia and Arlington County water systems to the Falls Church or other water systems in the metropolitan area of the District of Columbia in Virginia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War, on the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, and the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, is hereby authorized in his discretion, upon request of the town council of the town of Falls Church, Fairfax County, Virginia, or any other competent State or local authority in the Washington metropolitan area in Virginia, to permit the delivery of water from the District of Columbia water system at the Dalecarlia Filtration Plant, or at other points on said water system to the Falls Church water system for the purpose of supplying water for the use of said town and such adjacent areas as are now or shall hereafter be served by the water system of said town; or to any other competent State or local authority in said metropolitan area in Virginia. The Secretary of War is hereby further authorized, in his discretion and upon the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, and said Board of Commissioners, to permit the delivery of such water through the water mains of Arlington County by a connection to Arlington mains at the southerly end of Chain Bridge, or to make connections with the Arlington County water system at one or more points along the boundary line of Arlington County: Provided, That all expense of installing any such connection or connections or other appurtenances and any subsequent changes therein shall be borne by said town of Falls Church, or such other communities of said metropolitan area requesting such services: Provided further, That all payments for water taken

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directly from the mains of the water supply system of the District of Columbia at the Dalecarlia Filtration Plant, or from other points on said water system, shall be made at such time and in such manner as the Secretary of War and said Board of Commissioners may prescribe; all such payments to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States as other water rents now collected in the District of Columbia are now deposited, but for water as may be supplied through the water mains of Arlington County, as hereinabove authorized, such payments shall be made by said Arlington County in the same manner as payments for water supplied for the use of said Arlington County: Provided further, That payment for water delivered to communities in said metropolitan area from or through the water mains of Arlington County shall be made to said county as may be mutually arranged on an equitable basis and as approved by the Secretary of War and said Board of Commissioners: And provided further, That the Secretary of War, directly or upon the request of the Board of Commissioners, may revoke at any time any permit for the use of said water that may have been granted.

Sec. 2. That the Secretary of War, through the Chief of Engineers, shall have the right at all times to investigate the distribution systems of any community outside the District of Columbia supplied with water from the said District of Columbia water system and if, in his opinion, there is an excessive wastage of water, he shall have the right to curtail the supply to said communities to the amount of such wastage.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of War or the said Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to acquire by purchase or condemnation all necessary lands, easements, and rights-of-way for pipe lines within the District of Columbia, needed for the purposes of this Act.

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[CHAPTER 150]  
AN ACT  
To admit the American-owned ferry Crosline to American registry and to permit its use in coastwise trade.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding the provisions of section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 46, sec. 883), the ferry Crosline, owned by the State of Washington, shall be admitted to American registry, and shall be entitled to engage in the coastwise trade and to transport passengers and merchandise between points in the United States, including Districts, Territories, and possessions thereof embraced within the coastwise laws.

Approved June 26, 1947.

[CHAPTER 152]  
AN ACT  
To amend section 2 (a) of the National Housing Act, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 (a) of the National Housing Act, as amended, is hereby amended by striking out in the first sentence "1947" and inserting "1949".

Approved June 26, 1947.