by force or violence and accepts employment the salary or wages for which are paid from any appropriation contained in this Act shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than $1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: Provided further, That the above penalty clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law.

Sec. 302. In making expenditures for foodstuffs from funds appropriated in this Act for relief abroad, it is the sense of the Congress that preference be given to the purchase, within the United States, of products, which can be purchased with benefit to the national economy, and that such purchases should include articles that are in surplus where possible and practicable.

Sec. 303. This Act may be cited as "The Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1948".

Approved July 30, 1947.

[CHAPTER 382]

To relocate the boundaries and reduce the area of the Gila Federal reclamation project, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of reclaiming and irrigating lands in the State of Arizona and other beneficial uses, the reclamation project known as Gila project, heretofore authorized and established under the provisions of the reclamation laws, the Act of June 16, 1933 (48 Stat. 195), and various appropriation Acts, is hereby reduced in area to approximately forty thousand irrigable acres of land (twenty-five thousand acres thereof situated on the Yuma Mesa and fifteen thousand acres thereof within the North and South Gila Valleys), or such number of acres as can be adequately irrigated by the beneficial consumptive use of no more than three hundred thousand acre-feet of water per annum diverted from the Colorado River, and as thus reduced is hereby reauthorized and redesignated the Yuma Mesa division, Gila project, and the Wellton-Mohawk division, Gila project, comprising approximately seventy-five thousand irrigable acres of land, or such number of acres as can be adequately irrigated by the beneficial consumptive use of no more than three hundred thousand acre-feet of water per annum diverted from the Colorado River, situate within the Wellton, Dome, Roll, Texas Hill, and Mohawk areas, is substituted for the land eliminated from the Yuma Mesa division and is hereby authorized: Provided, however, That the waters to be diverted and used thereby, and the lands and structures for the diversion, transportation, delivery, and storage thereof, shall be subject to the provisions of the Boulder Canyon Project Act of December 21, 1928, and subject to the provisions of the Colorado River compact signed at Santa Fe, New Mexico, November 24, 1922: And provided further, That the above limitations contained in this section are for the sole purpose of fixing the maximum acreage of the project and shall not be construed as interpreting, affecting, or modifying any interstate compact or contract with the United States for the use of Colorado River water or any Federal or State statute limiting or defining the right to use Colorado River water of or in any State.

Sec. 2. The Secretary is hereby authorized to acquire in the name of the United States, at prices satisfactory to him, such lands, interests in lands, water rights, and other property within or adjacent to the Gila project, which belongs to the Gila Valley Power District or the Mohawk Municipal Water Conservation District, as he deems appropriate for the protection, development, or improvement of said project:
Provided, however, That the prices to be paid for the lands owned by
the Gila Valley Power District, of Arizona, and heretofore officially
appraised at the direction of the Commissioner of Reclamation, for
the existing facilities of said district and of the Mohawk Munici-
pal Water Conservation District, of Arizona, heretofore officially
appraised at his request and determined by him to be useful to said
project, shall not, in the aggregate, exceed $380,000, and no portion
thereof shall be paid until said districts have made arrangements
satisfactory to the Secretary for the liquidation of their respective
bonded, warrant, and other outstanding indebtedness.

Sec. 3. The Secretary is hereby authorized, to the extent, in the
manner, and on such terms as he deems appropriate for the protection,
development, or improvement of the Gila project, to sell, exchange, or
otherwise dispose of the public lands of the United States within said
project, the lands acquired under this Act, and any improvements
on any such lands and to lease the same during the presettlement
period only, provided such lands shall be disposed of to actual settlers
and farmers as soon as practicable; to establish town sites on such
lands; and to dedicate portions of such lands for public purposes.
Contracts for the sale of such lands shall be on a basis that, in the
Secretary's judgment, will provide the return in a reasonable period
of years of not less than the appraised value of the land and the
improvements thereon or thereto. Such lands may be disposed of in
farm units of such sizes as the Secretary determines to be adequate,
taking into consideration the character of soil, topography, location
with respect to the irrigation system, and such other factors as the
Secretary deems relevant: Provided, That the area disposed of to an
individual shall, so far as practicable, not exceed one hundred and
sixty acres. Sales to any individual shall be of not more than one
farm unit. Any sums received by the United States from the disposi-
tion of said lands and improvements shall be covered into the
reclamation fund, and credited to construction costs.

Sec. 4. Beginning at such date or dates and subject to such pro-
visions and limitations as may be fixed or provided by regulations
which the Secretary is hereby authorized to issue, any public lands
within the Gila project and any lands acquired under this Act shall
be, after disposition thereof by the United States by contract of sale
and during the time such contract shall remain in effect, (i) subject
to the provisions of the laws of the State of Arizona relating to the
organization, government, and regulation of irrigation, electrical,
power, and other similar districts, and (ii) subject to legal assess-
ment or taxation by any such district and by said State or political
subdivisions thereof, and to liens for such assessments and taxes and
to all proceedings for the enforcement thereof, in the same manner
and to the same extent as privately owned lands: Provided, however,
That the United States does not assume any obligation for amounts
so assessed or taxed: And provided further, That any proceedings
to enforce said assessments or taxes shall be subject to any title
then remaining in the United States, to any prior lien reserved to
the United States for unpaid installments under land-sale contracts
made under this Act, and to any obligation for any other charges,
accrued or unaccrued, for special improvements, construction, or opera-
tion and maintenance costs of said project.

Sec. 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the general
repayment obligation of any organization which may hereafter enter
into a contract with the United States covering the repayment of any
portion of the costs of construction of the Gila project may be spread
in annual installments over such reasonable period, not exceeding
sixty years, as the Secretary may determine. For the purpose of
predicating the repayment obligations of the various lands within said project on their respective ability, as determined by the Secretary, to share the burdens thereof, he may provide for the equitable apportionment of said general repayment obligation to the lands benefited on a unit basis in accordance with the extent of the benefit derived from the project, the character of soil, topography, and such other factors as he deems relevant, and he may provide for a system of variable payments under which larger annual payments will be required during periods of above-normal production or income and lesser annual payments will be required during periods of subnormal production or income.

SEC. 6. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, from time to time, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such moneys as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 7. The Secretary is authorized to perform such acts, to make such rules and regulations, and to include in contracts made under the authority of this Act such provisions as he deems proper for carrying out the provisions of this Act; and in connection with sales or exchanges under this Act, he is authorized to effect conveyances without regard to the laws governing the patenting of public lands. Wherever in this Act functions, powers, or duties are conferred upon the Secretary, said functions, powers, or duties may be performed, exercised, or discharged by his duly authorized representatives.

SEC. 8. This Act shall be deemed a supplement to and part of the reclamation law. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to amend the Boulder Canyon Project Act of December 21, 1928, as amended by the Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act of July 19, 1940.

Approved July 30, 1947.

[CHAPTER 383] AN ACT

To amend section 2455 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, to increase the size of isolated or disconnected tracts or parcels of the public domain which may be sold, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2455 of the Revised Statutes (43 U. S. C., sec. 1171), as amended, is hereby amended by striking out the words "seven hundred and sixty" and inserting in their place the words "one thousand five hundred and twenty". The said section is further amended by striking out the words "one hundred and sixty" in the second proviso and inserting in their place the words "seven hundred and sixty".

Approved July 30, 1947.

[CHAPTER 384] AN ACT

To amend section 12 of the Immigration Act of 1917.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 12 of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the immigration of aliens to, and the residence of aliens in, the United States", approved February 5, 1917, as amended (39 Stat. 882; U. S. C., title 8, sec. 148), is amended to read as follows:

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