[CHAPTER 452]

AN ACT

To remove the statutory limit of appropriation expenditures for repairs or changes to a vessel of the Navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proviso of the Naval Appropriation Act of March 2, 1907 (34 Stat. 1176), which appears in lines 43 to 51 of page 1195 of volume 34 of the Statutes at Large under the heading “Construction and Repair of Vessels” under the title “Bureau of Construction and Repair”; the proviso of the Naval Appropriation Act of March 3, 1909 (35 Stat. 753), which appears in lines 21 to 30 of page 769 of volume 35 of the Statutes at Large under the heading “Construction and Repair of Vessels” under the title “Bureau of Construction and Repair”; the paragraph of the Naval Appropriation Act of August 29, 1916 (39 Stat. 556), which appears in lines 45 to 49 of page 605 of volume 39 of the Statutes at Large under the heading “Construction and Repair of Vessels” under the title “Bureau of Construction and Repair”; and the Act of July 18, 1935 (49 Stat. 482), are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. No funds appropriated for the repair or alteration of any naval vessel shall be utilized to make any repairs or alterations to a vessel which result in a change of the category or type of such vessel, unless such funds have been specifically made available for such purpose.

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[CHAPTER 453]

AN ACT

To authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance, under Federal reclamation laws, of the Kennewick division of the Yakima project, Washington.

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 lands; of generating, transmitting, and marketing hydroelectric energy; for the preservation and propagation of fish and wildlife; and looking to the completion of the Yakima project, there is hereby authorized to be constructed, operated, and maintained, in accordance with the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto) the Kennewick division of the Yakima project, composed of the following principal units, to wit:

Prosser-Chandler power canal.
Chandler hydroelectric power and hydraulic pumping plant.
Main canal.
Kiona wasteway.
Amon siphon and hydraulic pumping plant.
Amon wasteway.
Lateral system.
Improvements for fish and wildlife.

SEC. 2. Construction costs allocated to the conservation and propagation of fish and wildlife by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the provisions of the Act of August 14, 1946 (Public Law 732, Seventy-ninth Congress), and operation and maintenance costs attributable to operations for the preservation and propagation of fish and wildlife shall be nonreimbursable.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to enter into contracts for the sale of electric power and energy not required for project uses, hereinafter termed commercial power and energy, at
such rates as in his judgment will produce power revenues which, together with power revenues from all other sales of power and energy, will be at least sufficient to cover (1) an appropriate share of the annual operation and maintenance cost, including reasonable provision for replacements; (2) the return, within not exceeding sixty-six years from the date upon which each feature becomes revenue producing, of an appropriate share of the construction investment properly allocable by the Secretary to commercial power and energy together with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate of not less than 2½ per centum per annum; (3) the return, without interest, within a period not exceeding sixty-six years, and, with respect to each irrigation block, within a period conforming so far as practicable to the period within which water users are required to repay their share of the irrigation costs of that share of the investment found by the Secretary to be properly allocable to irrigation but assigned for return from net power revenues.

Sec. 4. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to enter into contracts for repayment of those construction costs of the development assigned to be repaid by the project water users, which, in the discretion of the Secretary, may require, among other things, that those charges be distributed between the presently irrigated lands and the new lands and among farm units in a manner that takes into account the productivity of the land and in the case of new lands the estimated cost of preparing the land for irrigation, all in the manner and to the extent that the Secretary shall find to be proper: Provided, That these charges shall be such as will provide for the payment of (1) an appropriate share of the annual operation and maintenance cost, including reasonable provisions for replacements, and (2) repayment within a period not exceeding sixty-six years without interest of an appropriate share of that part of the construction cost which can properly be allocated to irrigation and probably be repaid by the water users.

Sec. 5. The power and energy revenues to be applied toward the fulfillment of the obligation to return that share of the investment found by the Secretary to be properly allocable to irrigation but assigned for return from net power and energy revenues may include one-fifth of the revenues derived from the interest component of power rates in addition to any and all sums otherwise assigned for such purposes from power revenues.

Sec. 6. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to construct extra capacity in the main canal for the future irrigation of approximately seven thousand acres of land, in addition to the presently proposed development, and to recognize the cost of providing such extra capacity as a deferred obligation to be paid at such time as the additional area may be brought into the project.

Sec. 7. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be required for the purposes of this Act.

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[CHAPTER 454]

AN ACT

To amend paragraph 1772 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph 1772 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, is amended by striking out "July 1, 1948," and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 1949,"

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