

No such determination of the Secretary of the Interior shall become effective until the expiration of sixty days after it has been submitted to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Public Lands of the House of Representatives. The term "rehabilitation and betterment", as used in this Act, shall mean maintenance, including replacements, which cannot be financed currently, as otherwise contemplated by the Federal reclamation laws in the case of operation and maintenance costs, but shall not include construction, the costs of which are returnable, in whole or in part, through "construction charges" as that term is defined in section 2 (d) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187). Such rehabilitation and betterment work may be performed by contract, by force-account, or, notwithstanding any other law and subject only to such reasonable terms and conditions as the Secretary of the Interior shall deem appropriate for the protection of the United States, by contract entered into with the organization concerned whereby such organization shall perform such work.

SEC. 2. This Act shall be deemed a supplement to the Federal reclamation laws.

Approved October 7, 1949.

Effective date.

"Rehabilitation and betterment."

"Construction charges."
43 U. S. C. § 485a (d).

[CHAPTER 651]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to complete construction of the irrigation facilities and to contract with the water users on the Buffalo Rapids project, Montana, increasing the reimbursable construction cost obligation, and for other purposes.

October 10, 1949
[S. 2042]

[Public Law 336]

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 is authorized to complete the construction of irrigation facilities including necessary drainage works on the first and second divisions of the Buffalo Rapids project, Montana, as approved by the President under authority of the Act of May 10, 1939 (53 Stat. 685), and the Act of October 14, 1940 (54 Stat. 1119), as amended: Provided, That of the funds heretofore or hereafter expended for such construction an amount equal to \$60 per irrigable acre as determined and announced by the Secretary of the Interior upon completion of the project, shall be reimbursable by the water users over a repayment period of not to exceed sixty years, and provision for the recovery thereof and for payment of the operation and maintenance costs of the irrigation and drainage features of the project shall be made by a contract or contracts satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior.

Buffalo Rapids project, Mont.
Irrigation facilities.

16 U. S. C. §§ 590 y-590z-10; Supp. II, § 590z-2 note.
Note, p. 171.
Reimbursement by water users.

SEC. 2. To carry out the purposes of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to allot any moneys available from appropriations heretofore made to the Department of the Interior for "water conservation and utility projects" and "water conservation and utilization projects", and there is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums of money as may be necessary to complete the project.

Allotment of funds.

Appropriation authorized.

Approved October 10, 1949.

[CHAPTER 652]

AN ACT

To authorize completion of the land development and settlement of the Angostura unit of the Missouri Basin project, notwithstanding a limitation of time.

October 10, 1949
[H. R. 2538]

[Public Law 337]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary

Missouri Basin project.
Angostura unit.

of Agriculture may complete the land development and settlement of the Angostura unit of the Missouri Basin project situated in Custer and Fall River Counties, South Dakota, to which, for this purpose only the provisions of section 5 of the Act of July 16, 1943 (57 Stat. 566, 567), shall be, and the same are hereby, extended and shall be in full force and effect to the same extent as though the requirements thereof had been completed prior to June 30, 1947.

Approved October 10, 1949.

16 U. S. C. § 590z-2;
Supp. II, § 590z-2
note.

[CHAPTER 653]

AN ACT

October 10, 1949
[H. R. 2376]
[Public Law 338]

To effect an exchange of certain lands in the State of North Carolina between the United States and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and for other purposes.

Eastern Band of
Cherokee Indians.
Exchange of lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of acquiring suitable right-of-way property for the Blue Ridge Parkway consistent with Resolution Numbered 33 of October 17, 1947, adopted by the tribal council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, there is hereby granted to the United States, subject to the provisions of the said resolution and this Act, all the right, title, and interest of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in and to the following-described lands, which shall hereafter constitute a part of the right-of-way of the Blue Ridge Parkway:

TRACT NUMBERED 2—MOLLIE GAP

Beginning at an iron rod located on the boundary line between the Qualla tract of the Cherokee Indian Reservation and the lands of the Plott heirs, said iron rod being further described as being located approximately one thousand two hundred and fifty feet northwest from transit point numbered 71, a point on the Blue Ridge Parkway boundary line, and running thence the following courses and distances, to wit:

North eighty-four degrees fifty-four and one-half minutes west two hundred thirty-four and ninety-six one-hundredths feet to an iron rod; north eighty-four degrees forty-two and one-half minutes west fifty and seventy-four one-hundredths feet to an iron rod; north eighty-three degrees fifty-two and one-half minutes west fifty-two and twenty-seven one-hundredths feet to an iron rod; north eighty-two degrees eight and one-half minutes west fifty-three and eighty one-hundredths feet to an iron rod; north seventy-nine degrees twenty-nine minutes west fifty-five and twenty-one one-hundredths feet to an iron rod; north seventy-six degrees eleven minutes west fifty-six and ten one-hundredths feet to an iron rod; north seventy-two degrees thirty-nine minutes west fifty-six and ten one-hundredths feet to an iron rod; north sixty-nine degrees ten and one-half minutes west fifty-six and ten one-hundredths feet to an iron rod; north sixty-five degrees thirty-nine minutes west fifty-six and ten one-hundredths feet to an iron rod; north sixty-two degrees ten minutes west fifty-six and ten one-hundredths feet to an iron rod;

North fifty-eight degrees forty-one minutes west fifty-six and ten one-hundredths feet to an iron rod; north fifty-five degrees eleven minutes west fifty-six and ten one-hundredths feet to an iron rod; north fifty-one degrees forty minutes west fifty-six and ten one-hundredths feet to an iron rod; north forty-eight degrees thirty-eight minutes west forty and twenty-five one-hundredths feet to an iron rod; north forty-six degrees three minutes west fifty-five and forty-four one-hundredths feet to an iron rod; north forty-three degrees