

Repeal.

sufficient in any given year to meet that year's cost of water carriage through the Farmers' Irrigation District Canal, all or any part of the said \$3,500 may be applied to pay the portion of the carriage charge not so met, and the construction charge installment for payment to the United States for that year shall be reduced accordingly: *Provided further*, That the proviso respecting application of net revenues from power plants connected with the North Platte Federal Reclamation project contained in the Act of March 3, 1925 (43 Stat. 1141, 1167), is hereby repealed.

Rules and regulations.

SEC. 2. The Secretary is hereby authorized to perform any and all acts and to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act and any contracts made pursuant thereto.

Approved May 25, 1948.

[CHAPTER 348]

AN ACT

May 26, 1948
[S. 1979]

[Public Law 556]

Authorizing and directing the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior to undertake certain studies of the soft-shell and hard-shell clams.

Fish and Wildlife Service.
Studies of clams.

16 U. S. C. §§ 661-668c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to undertake, in cooperation with appropriate State and interstate agencies in accordance with the provisions of the Act of August 14, 1946 (60 Stat. 1080), comprehensive studies of the soft-shell clam, *Mya arenaria*, and the hard-shell clam, *Venus mercenaria*, with particular respect to the biology, propagation, and methods of cultivation of such clams. Such Service shall from time to time recommend appropriate measures for (1) arresting depletion in existing productive beds; (2) restoring to production beds formerly productive but now barren or unusable; (3) developing new areas which may be found suitable; (4) improving methods and techniques of digging, transplanting, and handling; and (5) otherwise increasing production and improving the quality of such clams for the benefit of both producers and consumers.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, for the five-year period beginning July 1, 1948, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$250,000 to carry out the studies of the soft-shell clam and the sum of \$250,000 to carry out the studies of the hard-shell clam.

Approved May 26, 1948.

[CHAPTER 349]

AN ACT

May 26, 1948
[H. R. 5293]

[Public Law 557]

To establish Civil Air Patrol as a civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force and to authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to extend aid to Civil Air Patrol in the fulfillment of its objectives, and for other purposes.

Civil Air Patrol.
Establishment as volunteer civilian auxiliary.

60 Stat. 346.
36 U. S. C. § 202.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Civil Air Patrol be established as a volunteer civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force; and that, to assist Civil Air Patrol in the fulfillment of its objectives as set out in section 2 of Act of July 1, 1946 (Public Law 476, Seventy-ninth Congress), the Secretary of the Air Force is hereby authorized, to the extent and under such conditions and regulations as he may prescribe—

(a) to make available to Civil Air Patrol by gift or by loan, sale or otherwise, with or without charge therefor, obsolete or

surplus aircraft, aircraft parts, matériel, supplies, and equipment of the Air Force Establishment;

(b) to permit utilization of such facilities of the Air Force Establishment as, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Air Force, are required by Civil Air Patrol to carry out its mission;

(c) to furnish to Civil Air Patrol such quantities of gasoline and oil as may be required by it for the purpose of carrying out any specifically assigned mission;

(d) to establish, maintain, supply, and equip liaison offices of the United States Air Force at the National and State headquarters of Civil Air Patrol, and to detail and assign military and civilian personnel of the Air Force Establishment to such liaison offices;

(e) to detail military and civilian personnel of the Air Force Establishment to units and installations of Civil Air Patrol to assist in the training program of Civil Air Patrol.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Air Force is authorized in the fulfillment of the noncombatant mission of the Air Force Establishment to accept and utilize the services of Civil Air Patrol.

Approved May 26, 1948.

[CHAPTER 350]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting the President to issue a proclamation designating Memorial Day, 1948, as a day for a Nation-wide prayer for peace.

May 28, 1948
[S. J. Res. 217]
[Public Law 558]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe Memorial Day, 1948, by praying, each in accordance with his religious faith, for permanent peace; designating a period during such day in which all the people of the United States may unite in prayer for a permanent peace, calling upon all the people of the United States to unite in prayer at such time; and calling upon the newspapers, radio stations, and all other mediums of information to join in observing such day and period of prayer.

Memorial Day,
1948.
13 F. R. 2907.
62 Stat., Pt. 2.

Approved May 28, 1948.

[CHAPTER 351]

AN ACT

To amend section 24 of the Federal Power Act so as to provide that the States may apply for reservation of portions of power sites released for entry, location, or selection to the States for highway purposes.

May 28, 1948
[S. 1305]
[Public Law 559]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 24 of the Federal Power Act, as amended, is amended by inserting before the period at the end of the first proviso thereof a colon and the following new proviso: "*Provided further*, That before any lands applied for, or heretofore or hereafter reserved, or classified as power sites, are declared open to location, entry, or selection by the Secretary of the Interior, notice of intention to make such declaration shall be given to the Governor of the State within which such lands are located, and such State shall have ninety days from the date of such notice within which to file, under any statute or regulation applicable thereto, an application for the reservation to the State, or any political subdivision thereof, of any lands required as a right-of-way for a public highway or as a source of materials for the construction and

Federal Power Act,
amendment.
41 Stat. 1075.
16 U. S. C. § 818.
Power sites.

Application by State.