

and northeasterly along the divide between the Chisana and the Nabesna Rivers to Mount Allen; thence northwesterly on a straight line crossing the Nabesna River approximately twenty-four miles to an unnamed peak in latitude sixty-two degrees thirty minutes forty seconds north, longitude one hundred and forty-two degrees forty-three minutes thirty seconds west; thence northerly and northwesterly along the divide between Cheslina and Tetling Rivers on the north and Totschunda and Platinum Creeks on the south, continuing northwesterly along the divide between the Tanana and the Copper Rivers to Mount Kimball; thence continuing southwestward along the divide between the waters of the Kuskokwim River and Bay on the north and west and the Gulf of Alaska and Bristol Bay on the south to a westerly point of Cape Newenham; the said division to include the Alaska Peninsula, the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands, and all islands along and off the coast of this division, between Cape Newenham and the point where the one hundred and forty-first meridian, west longitude, intersects the northern line of the territory.

Effective date.

"This Act shall take effect sixty days after it has been approved by the President."

Approved June 1, 1948.

[CHAPTER 364]

AN ACT

June 1, 1948  
[H. R. 5901]  
[Public Law 570]

To provide for the distribution among the States of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming of the receipts of the Colorado River Development Fund for use in the fiscal years 1949 to 1955, inclusive, on a basis which is as nearly equal as practicable and to make available other funds for the investigation and construction of projects in any of the States of the Colorado River Basin in addition to appropriations for said purposes from the Colorado River Development Fund.

Boulder Canyon  
Project Adjustment  
Act, amendment.  
54 Stat. 774.  
54 Stat. 776.  
43 U. S. C. § 618b.  
Post, p. 1130.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 2 (d) of the Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 43, sec. 618a (d)) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(d) Transfer, subject to the provisions of section 3 hereof, from the Colorado River Dam Fund to a special fund in the Treasury, hereby established and designated the 'Colorado River Development Fund', of the sum of \$500,000 for the year of operation ending May 31, 1938, and the like sum of \$500,000 for each year of operation thereafter, until and including the year of operation ending May 31, 1987. The transfer of the said sum of \$500,000 for each year of operation shall be made on or before July 31 next following the close of the year of operation for which it is made: *Provided*, That any such transfer for any year of operation which shall have ended at the time this section 2 (d) shall become effective shall be made, without interest, from revenues received in the Colorado River Dam Fund, as expeditiously as administration of this Act will permit, and without readvances from the general funds of the Treasury. Receipts of the Colorado River Development Fund for the years of operation ending in 1938, 1939, and 1940 (or in the event of reduced receipts during any of said years, due to adjustments under section 3 hereof, then the first receipts of said fund up to \$1,500,000), are authorized to be appropriated only for the continuation and extension, under the direction of the Secretary, of studies and investigations by the Bureau of Reclamation for the formulation of a comprehensive plan for the utilization of waters of the Colorado River system for irrigation, electrical power, and other purposes, in the States of the upper division and the States of the lower division, including studies of quantity and quality of water and all other relevant factors. The next such receipts up to

Appropriation of receipts authorized.

and including the receipts for the year of operation ending in 1955 are authorized to be appropriated only for the investigation and construction of projects for such utilization in and equitably distributed among the four States of the upper division: *Provided, however,* That in view of distributions heretofore made, and in order to expedite the development and utilization of water projects within all of the States of the upper division, the distribution of such funds for use in the fiscal years 1949 to 1955, inclusive, shall be on a basis which is as nearly equal as practicable. Such receipts for the years of operation ending in 1956 to 1987, inclusive, are authorized to be appropriated for the investigation and construction of projects for such utilization in and equitably distributed among the States of the upper division and the States of the lower division. The terms 'Colorado River system', 'States of the upper division', and 'States of the lower division' as so used shall have the respective meanings defined in the Colorado River compact mentioned in the Project Act. Such projects shall be only such as are found by the Secretary to be physically feasible, economically justified, and consistent with such formulation of a comprehensive plan. Nothing in this Act shall be construed so as to prevent the authorization and construction of any such projects prior to the completion of said plan of comprehensive development; nor shall this Act be construed as affecting the right of any State to proceed independently of this Act or its provisions with the investigation or construction of any project or projects. Transfers under this section 2 (d) shall be deemed contractual obligations of the United States, subject to the provisions of section 3 of this Act."

Basis of distribution.

Terms defined.

45 Stat. 1057.  
43 U. S. C. §§ 617-617c.

Contractual obligations of U. S.

54 Stat. 776.  
43 U. S. C. § 618b.

SEC. 2. The availability of appropriations from the Colorado River Development Fund for the investigation and construction of projects in any of the States of the Colorado River Basin shall not be held to forbid the expenditure of other funds for those purposes in any of those States where such funds are otherwise available therefor.

Approved June 1, 1948.

[CHAPTER 365]

AN ACT

To amend the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, to permit the exercise of certain options on or before August 8, 1950.

June 1, 1948  
[H. R. 6302]  
[Public Law 571]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the second proviso of section 27 of the Act entitled "An Act to promote the mining of coal, phosphate, oil, oil shale, gas, and sodium on the public domain", approved February 25, 1920, as amended (U. S. C., 1946 edition, title 30, sec. 184), is hereby amended by striking out "within two years after the passage of this Act" and inserting in lieu thereof "on or before August 8, 1950".

41 Stat. 448.  
Post, p. 281.

Approved June 1, 1948.

[CHAPTER 366]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for the quartering, in certain public buildings in the District of Columbia, of troops participating in the inaugural ceremonies of 1949.

June 1, 1948  
[H. J. Res. 381]  
[Public Law 572]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Administrator of the Federal Works Agency or head of any executive department or establishment is authorized to allocate such space in any public building under his care and supervision as he deems necessary for the purposes of quartering troops participating in the inaugural ceremonies

Inaugural ceremonies, 1949.  
Quartering of troops.