

[CHAPTER 440]

AN ACT

To provide for allowing to the Gem Irrigation District and Ontario-Nyssa Irrigation District of the Owyhee project terms and payment dates for charges deferred under the Reclamation Moratorium Acts similar to those applicable to the deferred construction charges of other projects under said Acts, and for other purposes.

June 15, 1938
[H. R. 10488]
[Public, No. 636]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the charges of the Gem Irrigation District and of the Ontario-Nyssa Irrigation District, that were postponed under the Moratorium Acts of April 1, 1932 (47 Stat. 75), March 3, 1933 (47 Stat. 1427), March 27, 1934 (48 Stat. 500), and June 13, 1935 (49 Stat. 337), shall be payable at the end of the districts' construction charge payment period, subject to the same terms and conditions as applicable to the construction charges postponed under the said Moratorium Acts.

Owyhee irrigation project.
Payment of charges of designated districts postponed under Reclamation Moratorium Acts.
47 Stat. 75, 1427; 48 Stat. 500; 49 Stat. 337.

Approved, June 15, 1938.

[CHAPTER 453]

AN ACT

For the relief of the holders of the unpaid notes and warrants of the Verde River Irrigation and Power District, Arizona

June 15, 1938
[S. 3002]
[Public, No. 637]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Federal Emergency Administrator of Public Works is hereby authorized to pay, in full settlement of all such claims against the United States, out of any unexpended fund under his control, not to exceed \$46,024.41 in making settlements with the holders of the unpaid notes and warrants of the Verde River Irrigation and Power District issued in payment for property, services, or supplies furnished, in furtherance of the Verde reclamation project, Arizona, to the district during the period from November 2, 1933, when an allotment of \$4,000,000 for the construction of the Verde project was authorized by the said Administrator, to October 3, 1934, when said allotment was canceled: *Provided*, That any expenditures of the district not incurred as a result of the proposed construction of said Verde reclamation project with funds of the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works shall not be approved for payment under this Act: *Provided further*, That in making said settlements with the holders of said notes and warrants, the Administrator shall consider the reasonable value of the services performed or materials furnished, for which said notes or warrants were given, and where said notes or warrants have been transferred by the original holders, the Administrator shall also consider the price or prices paid by the transferees.

Verde River Irrigation and Power District, Ariz.
Settlement of claims of holders of unpaid notes and warrants of, authorized.

Provided.
Certain expenditures not included.

Facts to be considered.

Approved, June 15, 1938.

[CHAPTER 454]

AN ACT

To relinquish the title or interest of the United States in certain lands in Houston (formerly Dale) County, Alabama, in favor of Jesse G. Whitfield or other lawful owners thereof.

June 15, 1938
[H. R. 5166]
[Public, No. 638]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all right, title, and interest which may have been acquired by the United States under a marshal's deed dated February 12, 1894, recorded in the office of the judge of probate court, Dale County, Alabama, February 17, 1894,

Houston County, Ala.
Release of title and interest in certain lands in.

Description.	Book G of Deeds, pages 328, 329, in and to certain lands situated in Houston (formerly Dale) County, Alabama, and described as follows: The northwest quarter of the southwest quarter and the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 18, township 3, range 26, east of the Saint Stephen's meridian, be, and the same are hereby, released and relinquished by the United States.
Relinquishment of rights, etc., of United States only.	SEC. 2. Nothing in this Act shall in any manner abridge, divest, impair, injure, or prejudice any valid right, title, or interest of any person or persons in or to any portion or part of the lands described in section 1 of this Act, the true intent of this Act being to relinquish and abandon, grant, give, and concede any and all right, interest, and estate, in law or equity, which the United States is or is supposed to be entitled to by virtue of said marshal's deed, in said lands, in favor of all persons, estates, firms, or corporations who would be the true and lawful owners of same under the laws of the State of Alabama, including the law of prescription, in the absence of the interest and estate of the United States therein.

Approved, June 15, 1938.

[CHAPTER 455]

JOINT RESOLUTION

June 16, 1938
[S. J. Res. 298]
[Pub. Res., No. 112]

To create a joint congressional committee to investigate the adequacy and use of the phosphate resources of the United States.

Joint congressional committee on phosphate resources of the United States. Establishment and composition of.	<i>Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,</i> That there is hereby established a joint congressional committee (hereinafter referred to as the "committee") to be composed of three Senators, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and three Members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. A vacancy in the committee shall not affect the power of the remaining members to execute the functions of the committee and shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The committee shall select a chairman from among its members.
Vacancies.	
Chairman.	
Study of resources with reference to use and service to American agriculture.	SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the committee to make a thorough study and investigation of the phosphate resources of the United States with particular reference to (1) the use and service of phosphate to American agriculture, (2) the domestic consumption and exports of phosphate, (3) the adequacy of the supply of phosphate in the United States, (4) the development of phosphate deposits in the Western States, and (5) methods of conserving the phosphate resources of the United States, to the end that there may be insured a continuous supply of phosphate to meet the present and future needs of agriculture in rebuilding soil fertility. The committee shall report to the Senate and the House of Representatives, on or before February 15, 1939, the results of its study and investigation, together with such recommendations as it deems advisable.
Domestic consumption and exports. Adequacy of supply. Western phosphate deposits. Conservation methods.	
Report and recommendations.	
Powers conferred. Hearings.	SEC. 3. The committee, or any subcommittee thereof, shall have power to hold hearings and to sit and act at such places and times; to require by subpoena or otherwise the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such books, papers, and documents; to administer such oaths; to take such testimony; to have such printing and binding done; and to make such expenditures as it deems advisable.
Subpoenas.	Subpoenas shall be issued under the signature of the chairman of the committee and shall be served by any person designated by him. The provisions of sections 102 to 104, inclusive, of the Revised Statutes shall apply in case of any failure of any witness to comply with any subpoena, or to testify when summoned, under authority of
Failure of witness to testify. R. S. §§ 102-104. 2 U. S. C. §§ 192-194.	