

range 19 east, Washington meridian; (e) the cancelation, adjustment, or modification in proper cases of agreements previously executed; (f) the adjustments of project areas and the cancelations and adjustments dealt with in the Secretary's order, upon the condition, stated in the order, that the owners of the lands affected who retain any irrigable land within the Wapato project shall promptly settle any delinquent irrigation charges against the land retained in the project, either by cash payment or by the execution of contracts providing for the deferment of the amounts due.

Cancelation of assessments; credit of payments.

SEC. 2. Any assessments made against the lands eliminated from the project pending the confirmation of the Secretary's order are canceled and all payments made on account of any such assessments shall be credited to the lands retained in the project by the respective owners.

Delinquent charges.

SEC. 3. In order to prevent the accumulation of delinquent project assessments or other proper charges against the lands described in the said order of the Secretary of the Interior and to protect all sums due the Government by the project landowners, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to take such action as he may deem necessary, including the foreclosure of the Government's first lien for such unpaid charges created by the Act of May 18, 1916 (39 Stat. 154), or any other Act of Congress.

Approved, December 24, 1942.

[CHAPTER 816]

AN ACT

December 24, 1942
[S. 2830]
[Public Law 836]

To provide relief to the owners of former Indian-owned land within the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District, Washington, and for other purposes.

Oroville-Tonasket
Irrigation District,
Wash.

25 U. S. C. §§ 389-
390e.

Cancelation, deferment, and adjustment of irrigation charges.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the action of the Secretary of the Interior, by order dated May 19, 1942, taken pursuant to authority contained in the Act of June 22, 1936 (49 Stat. 1803), in the cancelation, deferment, and adjustment of irrigation charges due the United States against nine hundred and eight and forty-seven one-hundredths acres of land formerly in individual Indian ownership, within the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District, Washington, is hereby confirmed as follows: (a) The cancelation of \$11,963.76 of unpaid construction and operation charges; (b) the conditional cancelation of \$28,045.31 of additional unpaid construction and operation charges to become effective upon the repayment, or upon the execution of contracts with individual landowners providing for the repayment in full, of the adjusted balance of \$18,537.37 of unpaid like charges; (c) the continuation of the first lien against each allotment of land, notwithstanding any division or partitionment of such allotment resulting in separate ownership of different parts thereof, until the full amount due on the entire allotment has been paid and no refund or repayments shall be made to any landowner on account of any charges heretofore paid; and (d) the requiring of contracts with landowners, where necessary, covering the repayment over a period of years of their proper share of the adjusted balance of \$18,537.37 of unpaid construction and operation charges: *Provided*, That the district may pay the said amount in one payment, in which event the lien of the Government shall be assigned to the district.

Proviso.

Repair and rehabilitation of certain irrigation canals.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District, providing for the repair and rehabilitation of certain irrigation canals, laterals, and sublaterals necessary for the delivery of water to irrigate Indian lands, the cost of such construction work not to exceed the sum of \$15,000, such contract to require the said irrigation district (1) to

cancel all charges carried on its books as apportioned against the lands of the Indians up to and including the date of the contract; (2) to recognize the prior first lien of the United States for the repayment of the adjusted charges remaining against the former Indian-owned lands approved by section 1 of this Act; and (3) to provide for the transfer of water rights from one tract of Indian-owned land within the said irrigation district to another, where, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior, such transfer is desirable and economically advisable in the proper utilization of the Indian lands.

SEC. 3. In order to prevent the accumulation of delinquent project assessments or other charges against the former Indian-owned lands within the Oroville-Tonasket Irrigation District, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to take such action as he may deem necessary to protect the adjusted sums due the Government as approved by section 1 of this Act, including the foreclosure of the Government's lien.

Approved, December 24, 1942.

Delinquent charges.

[CHAPTER 817]

AN ACT

To provide for the appointment of an additional district judge for the eastern and western districts of Missouri.

December 24, 1942
[H. R. 137]
[Public Law 837]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one additional United States district judge, who shall be an additional district judge for the eastern and western districts of Missouri. The judge so appointed shall at the time of his appointment be a resident and a citizen of the State of Missouri: *Provided,* That the first vacancy occurring in said office shall not be filled.

Missouri.
Additional U. S.
district judge.

Proviso.

Approved, December 24, 1942.

[CHAPTER 818]

AN ACT

To provide for means of egress for buildings in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

December 24, 1942
[H. R. 5486]
[Public Law 838]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, for protection against fire, are hereby authorized, after public hearing, to promulgate regulations to require the owner entitled to the beneficial use, rental, or control of any building now existing or hereafter erected, other than a private dwelling, which is three or more stories or over thirty feet in height, or is used as a hospital, school, asylum, sanitarium, convalescent home, or for similar use, or as a place of amusement, public assembly, restaurant, or for similar use, to provide, install, and maintain sufficient and suitable means of egress, guide signs, guide lights, exit lights, hall and stairway lights, standpipes, fire extinguishers, alarm gongs and striking stations, and such other appliances as the Commissioners may deem necessary for such buildings.

District of Colum-
bia.
Regulation of means
of egress for buildings.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to occupy any building thirty days after notice in writing from the Commissioners of the District of Columbia or their designated agents that the owner entitled to the beneficial use, rental, or control of any building has failed or neglected to comply with the notice provided for by this Act to provide any such building with means of egress or appliances required by the regulations promulgated by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia under this Act.

Occupancy after no-
tice of noncompliance.