

October 1, October 18, November 1, November 14, and December 1, shall be released simultaneously with the cotton-ginning reports of the Bureau of the Census relating to the same dates, the two reports to be issued from the same place at eleven o'clock antemeridian of the eighth day following that to which the respective reports relate. When such date of release falls on Sunday or a legal holiday, the report shall be issued at eleven o'clock antemeridian of the next succeeding workday.

Inconsistent laws repealed.

SEC. 2. All laws and parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Approved, May 3, 1924.

May 9, 1924.
[S. 1631.]
[Public, No. 115.]

CHAP. 150.—An Act To authorize the deferring of payments of reclamation charges.

Reclamation Act.
Time extended for
payment by water
users, of any accrued
charges for projects on
Indian lands.
Vol. 32, p. 388.

Provisos.
Time limit.

Accrued penalties,
etc., canceled.

Interest to be paid.

Penalty if principal
and interest not paid
hereafter.

Unpaid charges may
be added to construc-
tion charges.
Vol. 32, p. 388.

Payments in 20 year
period beginning with
1925.

Provisos.
Accrued penalties,
etc., to be canceled.

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 hereby authorized and empowered, in his discretion, to defer the dates of payments of any charges, rentals, and penalties which have accrued prior to the 2d day of March, 1924, under the act of June 17, 1902 (Thirty-second Statutes at Large, page 388), and amendatory and supplemental acts or prior to that date, as against water users on any irrigation project being constructed or operated and maintained under the direction of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, as may, in his judgment, be necessary in or concerning any irrigation project now existing under said act: *Provided*, That no payment shall be deferred under this section in any particular case beyond March 1, 1927: *Provided*, That upon such adjustment being made, any penalties or interest which may have accrued in connection with such unpaid construction and operation and maintenance charges shall be canceled, and in lieu thereof the amount so due, and the payment of which is hereby extended, shall draw interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum, paid annually from the time said amount became due to date of payment: *And provided further*, That in case the principal and interest herein provided for are not paid in the manner and at the time provided by this section, any penalty now provided by law shall thereupon attach from the date of such default.

SEC. 2. That where an individual water user, or individual applicant for a water right under a Federal irrigation project constructed or being constructed under the act of June 17, 1902 (Thirty-second Statutes at Large, page 388), or any act amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, makes application prior to January 1, 1925, alleging that he will be unable to make the payments as required in section 1 hereof, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized in his discretion prior to March 1, 1925, to add such accrued and unpaid charges to the construction charge of the land of such water user or applicant, and to distribute such accumulated charges equally over each of the subsequent years, beginning with the year 1925, or, in the discretion of the Secretary, distribute a total of one-fourth over the first half of the remaining years of the 20-year period beginning with the year 1925, and three-fourths over the second half of such period, so as to complete the payment during the remaining years of the 20-year period of payment of the original construction charge: *Provided*, That upon such adjustment being made, any penalties or interest which may have accrued in connection with such unpaid construction and operation and maintenance charges shall be canceled, and in lieu thereof the amount so due, and the payment of which is hereby extended, shall draw interest at the rate of 5 per

centum per annum, paid annually from the time said amount became due to date of payment: *Provided further*, That the applicant for the extension shall first show to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior detailed statement of his assets and liabilities and probable inability to make payment at the time required in section 1: *And provided further*, That in case the principal and interest herein provided for are not paid in the manner and at the time provided by this act, any penalty now provided by law shall thereupon attach from the date of such default: *And provided further*, That similar relief in whole or in part may be extended by the Secretary of the Interior to a legally organized group of water users of a project, upon presentation of a sufficient number of individual showings made in accordance with the foregoing proviso to satisfy the Secretary of the Interior that such extension is necessary.

Approved, May 9, 1924.

Inability to make payments, etc., must be shown.

Penalty if principal and interest not paid hereafter.

Extended to groups of water users.

CHAP. 151.—An Act Authorizing the acquiring of Indian lands on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, in Idaho, for reservoir purposes in connection with the Minidoka irrigation project.

May 9, 1924.

[S. 2902.]

[Public, No. 116.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subject to payment being made as provided herein, there is hereby granted to the United States, its successors and assigns, for the proposed American Falls Reservoir on the Snake River under the Minidoka Federal irrigation project, in Idaho, all right, title, and interest the Indians have to the tribal and allotted lands within that section of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation commonly referred to as the Fort Hall Bottoms, which lands will be inundated by the impounding of one million seven hundred thousand acre-feet of water within said proposed reservoir, together with a five-foot freeboard the elevation of which shall be established, using as a basis the one million five hundred thousand acre-foot contour line as shown in what is known as the Dyer-Dietz-Banks appraisal of Indian lands dated December 30, 1922, and on file in the Department of the Interior subject to the reservation of an easement to the Fort Hall Indians to use the said lands for grazing, hunting, fishing, and gathering of wood, and so forth, the same way as obtained prior to this enactment, in so far as such uses shall not interfere with the use of said lands for reservoir purposes.

Fort Hall Indian Reservation, Idaho. Lands on, to be acquired for American Falls Reservoir in Minidoka irrigation project. *Post*, p. 417.

Description.

Rights of Indians for grazing, hunting, etc, reserved.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to acquire by agreement or condemnation proceedings the area of allotted lands described in section 1. The value fixed by agreement with the allottees, and in any case where it may become necessary to institute condemnation proceedings for such purpose, the value of the allotment or allotments involved as determined by such proceedings, shall be paid out of the sum deposited to the credit of the Fort Hall Indians as provided in section 3 hereof.

Agreement or condemnation authorized.

Appraisal of value.

SEC. 3. That in consideration of the rights granted in section 1 hereof, of both tribal and allotted lands, there shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Fort Hall Indians the total sum of \$700,000, which sum shall be taken from moneys appropriated for the construction of said reservoir: *Provided*, That the said sum of \$700,000, when so deposited, shall draw interest at the rate of 4 per centum per annum.

Payment from sum credited to Indians.

Amount to be taken from reservoir construction money and deposited to credit of Indians.

Proviso. Interest allowed.

SEC. 4. Should any lands above the five-foot freeboard, as provided in section 1, be damaged on account of the reservoir, the amount of the damage shall be determined by a board consisting of three members—two of which shall be appointed by the Secretary

Appraisal of damages to adjoining lands.