of such provision to other circumstances or persons shall not be affected thereby.

(b) Nothing in this Act shall alter, amend, revoke, repeal, or otherwise affect the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946, as amended (42 U. S. C. 1801).

60 Stat. 755.

(c) Nothing in this Act is intended nor shall it be construed as an expressed or implied commitment to provide any specific assistance, whether of funds, commodities, or services, to any nation or nations, or to any international organization.

SEC. 547. REDUCTION OF AUTHORIZATIONS.—Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Act, such provisions shall not be construed to authorize the appropriation for the fiscal year 1955, for the purposes of titles I, II, and IV of this Act, of amounts (exclusive of unexpended balances of prior appropriations authorized to be continued available under such provisions) aggregating in excess of $2,918,040,000.

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[S. 3302]

AN ACT

Granting to the Las Vegas Valley water district, a public corporation organized under the laws of the State of Nevada, certain public lands of the United States in the State of Nevada.

Las Vegas Valley water district, Nev.
Land grant.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby granted to the Las Vegas Valley water district, a public corporation organized under the laws of the State of Nevada, all lands belonging to the United States situated in Clark County, State of Nevada, which may be necessary, as found by the Secretary of the Interior, for the construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities for the development, production, storage, transmission, and distribution of water, including any or all of the following purposes only to the extent required for such development, production, storage, transmission, and distribution of water:

Rights-of-way; buildings and structures; construction and maintenance camps; dumping grounds, flowage, diverting, or storage dams; pumping plants; canals, ditches, pipes, pipelines, flumes, tunnels, and conduits for conveying water for domestic, irrigation, household, stock, municipal, mining, milling, industrial, and other useful purposes; poles, towers, underground conduits, lines, and equipment for the conveyance and distribution of electrical energy; poles, underground conduits, and lines for telephone and telegraph purposes; roads, trails, bridges, tramways, railroads, and other means of locomotion, transmission, or communication; for obtaining stone, earth, gravel, and other materials of like character; or any other necessary purposes of said grantee, together with the right to take for its own use, from any public lands, within such limits as the Secretary of the Interior may determine, stone, earth, gravel, sand, and other materials of like character necessary or useful in the construction, operation, and maintenance of aqueducts, reservoirs, dams, pumping plants, electric transmission, telephone, and telegraph lines, roads, trails, bridges, tramways, railroads, and other means of locomotion, transmission, and communication, or any other necessary purposes of said grantee.

Reservation of minerals.

That there is hereby excepted and reserved unto the United States, from said grant, minerals, other than sand, stone, earth, gravel, and other materials of like character: *Provided, however*, That such

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minerals so excepted and reserved shall be prospected for, mined, and removed only in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

This grant shall be effective upon (1) the filing by said grantee at any time after the passage of this Act, with the manager of the United States local land office in the district where said lands are situated, of a map or maps showing the boundaries, locations, and extent of said lands and of said rights-of-way for the purposes hereinabove set forth; (2) the approval of such map or maps by the Secretary of the Interior with such reservations or modifications as he may deem appropriate; (3) the payment of a price representing the fair market value for said rights-of-way and other lands, and also for stone, earth, sand, gravel and other materials of like character, to be fixed by the Secretary of the Interior through appraisal, exclusive of any increased value resulting from the development or improvement of the lands by the grantee or its predecessors, or a reasonable rental, as the case may be: *Provided*, That said lands for rights-of-way shall be along such location and of such width, not to exceed two hundred and fifty feet, as in the judgment of the Secretary of the Interior may be required for the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 2. Said grants are to be made subject to rights-of-way, easements, and permits heretofore granted or allowed to any person or corporation in accordance with any Act or Acts of Congress and subject to the rights of all claimants or persons who shall have filed or made valid claims, locations, or entries on or to said lands, or any part thereof prior to the effective date of any conflicting grant hereunder, unless prior to such effective date proper relinquishments or quitclaims have been procured and caused to be filed in the proper land office.

SEC. 3. That, whenever the land granted herein shall cease to be used for the purposes for which it is granted, the estate of the grantee or of its assigns shall terminate and revest in the United States.

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[S. J. Res. 183]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To extend greetings to the Gold Coast and Nigeria.

Whereas it is the policy of the United States to encourage efforts toward independence and self-government truly expressive of the desires of the people and as they show their capability to establish and protect free institutions; and

Whereas the continent of Africa is a vital part of the free world area; and

Whereas a revised constitution of the Gold Coast was approved on April 29, 1954, and the first formal meeting of the legislature of that territory under this constitution will take place on July 29, 1954; and

Whereas a revised constitution of Nigeria is expected to be approved during August 1954, and the first meeting of the federal legislature of that territory under this constitution is expected to take place shortly thereafter; and

Whereas these occasions mark important milestones in their progress toward self-government and independence: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress of the United States extend its most cordial greetings to the representative

Gold Coast and Nigeria.
Congressional greetings.