(c) Any contract entered into under section 9, subsection (d), of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187, 1193, 43 U. S. C., sec. 485 (h)) for payment of those portions of the costs of constructing, operating, and maintaining the Ventura River project which are allocated to irrigation and assigned to be paid by the contracting organization may provide for the repayment of the portion of the construction cost of the project assigned to any project contract unit or, if the contract unit be divided into two or more irrigation blocks, to any such block over a period of not more than fifty years or as near thereto as is consistent with the adoption and operation of a variable payment formula which, being based on full repayment within the period stated under normal conditions, permits variance in the required annual payments in the light of economic factors pertinent to the ability of the organization to pay.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, all net revenues derived by the Secretary from the furnishing of water for municipal, domestic, and industrial use shall be applied first to the amortization of that portion of the cost of constructing the Ventura River project which is allocated to that purpose with interest on the unamortized balance thereof at the average rate (which rate shall be certified by the Secretary of the Treasury) paid by the United States on its marketable long-term securities outstanding on the date of this Act and thereafter to the amortization of that portion of the cost of constructing the project which is allocated to irrigation but which is beyond the ability of the irrigation water users or their contracting organization to repay as provided above.

(e) The Secretary is authorized, subject to such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to turn over to any contracting organization or to an organization which is designated by it for that purpose and which is satisfactory to the Secretary the care, operation, and maintenance of such portions of the Ventura River project as are used solely or principally for the benefit of that organization.

(f) Minimum basic facilities may be provided for the accommodation of the visiting public at Casitas Dam and, if responsible local interests agree to assume the operation and maintenance thereof, at the project reservoirs. The costs of such facilities shall be non-reimbursable.

Sec. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for construction of the Ventura River project the sum of $27,600,000 plus such amounts, if any, as may be required by reason of changes in construction costs as may be indicated by engineering cost indices applicable to the types of construction involved herein and, in addition thereto, such sums as may be required to operate and maintain the project.

Approved March 1, 1956.

Public Law 424  AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Army to give twenty-five World War II paintings to the Government of New Zealand.

BE IT ENacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the Secretary of the Army is authorized to transfer to the Government of New Zealand without compensation twenty-five German war paintings depicting New Zealand troops which are now the property of the United States in the custody of the Secretary of the Army.
Restriction.

(b) Nothing contained in this Act shall authorize the expenditure of any funds of the United States to defray any costs of transportation or handling incident to such transfer.

Approved March 1, 1956.

Public Law 425

CHAPTER 78

March 2, 1956

[HR. J. Res. 455]

Relating to burley tobacco acreage allotments and marketing quotas.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembléd, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law and the proclamation by the Secretary of Agriculture of a national marketing quota for burley tobacco for the 1956–1957 marketing year pursuant to section 312 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, and the State and farm acreage allotments established pursuant thereto, the 1956 State acreage allotments of burley tobacco proclaimed by the Secretary of Agriculture (20 Federal Register 8845) shall be increased so as to result in a State adjustment factor for each State under section 725.717 of the burley and flue-cured tobacco marketing quota regulations, 1956–1957 marketing year, issued by the Secretary of Agriculture (20 Federal Register 4571), equal to 1.0, and all 1956 farm acreage allotments of burley tobacco shall be redetermined on the basis of such State adjustment factor. The production from the increased acreage required by this resolution shall be in addition to the national marketing quota for the 1956–1957 marketing year.

Approved March 2, 1956.

Public Law 426

CHAPTER 79

March 2, 1956

[HR. J. Res. 518]

Relating to fire-cured and dark air-cured tobacco acreage allotments and marketing quotas.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembléd, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law and the proclamation by the Secretary of Agriculture of a national marketing quota for fire-cured and dark air-cured tobacco for the 1956–1957 marketing year pursuant to section 312 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, and the State and farm acreage allotments established pursuant thereto, the 1956 State acreage allotments of fire-cured and dark air-cured tobacco proclaimed by the Secretary of Agriculture (20 Federal Register 8846) shall be increased so as to result in a State adjustment factor for each State under section 726.717 of the fire-cured, dark air-cured and Virginia sun-cured tobacco marketing quota regulations, 1956–1957 marketing year, issued by the Secretary of Agriculture (20 Federal Register 6066), equal to 1.0, and all 1956 farm acreage allotments of fire-cured and dark air-cured tobacco shall be redetermined on the basis of such State adjustment factor. The production from the increased acreage required by this resolution shall be in addition to the national marketing quota for the 1956–1957 marketing year.

Approved March 2, 1956.