Public Law 848 CHAPTER 792

AN ACT

July 30, 1956
[H. R. 6243]

To amend title VII of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, to authorize the construction of a nuclear-powered merchant ship for operation in foreign commerce of the United States, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title VII of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U. S. C., secs. 1191–1204), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

Nuclear-powered ship.
Ante, p. 531.
Appropriation.

"SEC. 716. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Commerce, Maritime Administration, and the Atomic Energy Commission, such sums as may be necessary, to remain available until expended, for the construction, outfitting, and preparation for operation, including training of qualified personnel, of a nuclear-powered merchant ship capable of providing shipping services on routes essential for maintaining the flow of the foreign commerce of the United States. The Maritime Administration, and the Atomic Energy Commission, in carrying on activities and functions under this paragraph, may collaborate with and employ persons, firms, and corporations on a contract or fee basis for the performance of special services deemed necessary by such agencies in carrying on such activities and functions. The Administration may, for the same purposes, with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce and where appropriate the Atomic Energy Commission, avail itself of the use of licenses, information, services, facilities, offices, and employees of any executive department, independent establishment, or other agency of the Government, including any field service thereof."

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Public Law 849 CHAPTER 793

AN ACT

July 30, 1956
[H. R. 9918]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to negotiate and execute a contract with the Riverside Irrigation District, Limited, of Idaho, relating to the rehabilitation of the district's works, and other matters.

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 authorized to negotiate and execute on behalf of the United States a contract with the Riverside Irrigation District, Limited, of Idaho, providing (1) for the expenditure, as under the Act of October 7, 1949 (63 Stat. 724), of not more than $30,000 for rehabilitation and betterment work in connection with the removal of slides from said Riverside Canal or for the relocation and repair of said canal to reduce the hazard from slides, (2) for the repayment of the amount so expended in accordance with the provisions of the Act aforesaid, and (3) for the return to the United States of the unpaid portion of the obligation undertaken by the district in its contract with the United States dated March 1, 1926. The Secretary is further authorized to relieve the district, from payment of penalties that have accrued under the contract of March 1, 1926, aforesaid. The obligation of the United States with respect to expenditures under (1) above shall be contingent upon the appropriation of funds to carry out the Act of October 7, 1949, aforesaid, and the allotment therefrom of amounts adequate to carry out this Act.

Riverside Irrigation District, Ltd., of Idaho.

43 USC 504 and note.

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