Public Law 85-889

AN ACT

To approve a repayment contract negotiated with the Heart Mountain Irrigation District, Wyoming, and to authorize its execution.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the contract negotiated pursuant to section 7 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 by the Secretary of the Interior with the Heart Mountain Irrigation District, which was approved as to form by the Department of the Interior on May 28, 1958, and approved by resolution of the Heart Mountain Irrigation District Board of Commissioners on March 20, 1958, is approved and execution thereof by the Secretary of the Interior on behalf of the United States is hereby authorized after the contract has been approved by the electors of the District.

Approved September 2, 1958.

Public Law 85-890

AN ACT

To amend the Act of March 3, 1901 (31 Stat. 1449), as amended, to incorporate in the Organic Act of the National Bureau of Standards the authority to acquire land for field sites, to undertake construction and improvement of buildings and for other activities.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to establish the National Bureau of Standards", approved March 3, 1901, as amended, is amended by adding the following sections:

"Sec. 13. To the extent that funds are specifically appropriated therefor, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to acquire land for such field sites as are necessary for the proper and efficient conduct of the activities authorized herein.

"Sec. 14. Within the limits of funds which are appropriated for the National Bureau of Standards, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to undertake such construction of buildings and other facilities and to make such improvements to existing buildings, grounds, and other facilities occupied or used by the National Bureau of Standards as are necessary for the proper and efficient conduct of the activities authorized herein: Provided, That no improvement shall be made nor shall any building be constructed under this authority at a cost in excess of $40,000 unless specific provision is made therefor in the appropriation concerned.

"Sec. 15. In the performance of the functions of the National Bureau of Standards the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to undertake the following activities: (a) The purchase, repair, and cleaning of uniforms for guards; (b) the repair and alteration of buildings and other plant facilities; (c) the rental of field sites and laboratory, office, and warehouse space; (d) the purchase of reprints from technical journals or other periodicals and the payment of page charges for the publication of research papers and reports in such journals; (e) the furnishing of food and shelter without repayment therefor to employees of the Government at Arctic and Antarctic stations; (f) for the conduct of observations on radio propagation phenomena in the Arctic or Antarctic regions, the appointment of employees at base rates established by the Secretary of Commerce which shall not exceed such maximum rates as may be
AN ACT

To authorize a program for the conservation, restoration, and management of the rare Hawaiian Nene goose.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whereas there are less than fifty Nene geese in the wild state in the Territory of Hawaii, and this unique, native species of waterfowl is threatened with imminent extinction, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to promote a program of research, propagation, and management necessary to effect the restoration of this threatened species in its natural habitat.

Sec. 2. The sum of $15,000 per annum is hereby authorized to be appropriated each year for a period of five years to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Approved September 2, 1958.

AN ACT

For the relief of certain distressed aliens.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, there are hereby authorized to be issued (A) fifteen hundred special nonquota immigrant visas to aliens, specified in section 2 of this Act, and (B) a number of special nonquota immigrant visas not to exceed the annual quota allocated under the Immigration and Nationality Act to the quota area of the Netherlands to aliens specified in section 3 of this Act seeking to enter the United States as immigrants. The spouse of any such alien and his unmarried sons or daughters under twenty-one years of age, including stepsons or stepdaughters, and sons or daughters adopted prior to July 1, 1958, if accompanying them, may be issued special nonquota immigrant visas notwithstanding the numerical limitations herein provided.

Sec. 2. Visas authorized to be issued under clause (A) of section 1 of this Act shall be issued only to nationals or citizens of Portugal who, because of natural calamity in the Azores Islands subsequent to September 1, 1957, are out of their usual place of abode in such islands and unable to return thereto, and who are in urgent need of assistance for the essentials of life.