

thousand three hundred acres of land along and near the Spokane River in the eastern part of the State of Washington and the western part of the State of Idaho, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to construct, operate, and maintain the Spokane Valley Federal reclamation project. The principal engineering features of said project shall consist of wells, pumps, storage facilities, and distribution systems.

SEC. 2. In constructing, operating, and maintaining the Spokane Valley project, the Secretary shall be governed by the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto), except that (1) he may extend the base period of any contract entered into under section 9, subsection (d), of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187, 1193; 43 U.S.C. 485h(d)), as amended, to not more than fifty years, exclusive of a development period if he finds such to be proper, (2) the amount to be repaid during said base period shall be not less than \$4,400,000, (3) the remaining reimbursable cost of the project, except for such parts thereof as may be returned under temporary water supply contracts or from other sources, shall be accounted for in the same manner as provided in item (c) of section 2 of the Act of July 27, 1954 (68 Stat. 568), and (4) he may, upon the request of any contracting entity, transfer to it the care, operation, and maintenance of those project works which serve it alone or, upon the request of two or more contracting entities, transfer to them or to any agency designated by them and satisfactory to him the care, operation, and maintenance of those project works which serve them, all on terms and conditions satisfactory to him.

43 USC 371 note.

Appropriation.

SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for construction of the Spokane Valley project the sum of \$5,100,000 plus or minus such amounts, if any, as may be justified by reason of ordinary fluctuations in the costs of construction as indicated by engineering cost indexes applicable to the type of construction involved herein. There are also authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be required for the operation and maintenance of said works.

Approved September 16, 1959.

Public Law 86-277

JOINT RESOLUTION

September 16, 1959
[H. J. Res. 19]

To authorize the issuance of a gold medal in honor of the late Professor Robert H. Goddard.

Dr. Robert H.
Goddard.
Medal.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That in recognition of the great, creative achievements of the late Doctor Robert H. Goddard, and his historic pioneering research on space rockets, missiles, and jet propulsion, the chairmen of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics and the Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences, on behalf of the Congress, are authorized to present to the family of the late Doctor Robert H. Goddard an appropriate gold medal. For such purpose, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to cause to be struck a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the chairmen of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics and the Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$2,500 for this purpose.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury shall cause duplicates in bronze of such medal to be coined and sold, under such regulations as he may prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof (including labor), and the appropriations used in carrying out the provisions of this section shall be reimbursed out of the proceeds of such sale.

Approved September 16, 1959.

Sale of medals.

Public Law 86-278

JOINT RESOLUTION

Making a technical correction in section 5136 of the Revised Statutes (relating to national banks).

September 16, 1959
[H. J. Res. 493]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last sentence of paragraph seventh of section 5136 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (12 U.S.C. 24), is amended by striking out so much of the proviso as follows "shall hold obligations issued" and precedes "as a result" and by inserting in lieu thereof "by any of said organizations".

Approved September 16, 1959.

Public Law 86-279

AN ACT

To amend the Act of August 1, 1958, to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to undertake continuing studies of the effects of insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, and other pesticides, upon fish and wildlife for the purpose of preventing losses of those invaluable natural resources, and for other purposes.

September 16, 1959
[S. 1575]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act of August 1, 1958, providing for continuing studies of the effects of insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, and other pesticides, upon fish and wildlife for the purpose of preventing losses of those invaluable natural resources and for other purposes is amended to read as follows: "SEC. 2. The sum of \$2,565,000 per annum is hereby authorized to be appropriated to carry out the objectives of this Act."

Approved September 16, 1959.

Fish and wild-
life studies.
72 Stat. 479.
16 USC 742d-1
and note.

Public Law 86-280

AN ACT

To extend the period for filing claims for credit or refund of overpayments of income taxes arising as a result of renegotiation of Government contracts.

September 16, 1959
[H. R. 2906]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) section 6511(d)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (relating to special period of limitations with respect to net operating loss carrybacks) is amended by inserting before the period at the end of the first sentence thereof the following: "; except that, with respect to an overpayment attributable to the creation of or an increase in a net operating loss carryback as a result of the elimination of excessive profits by a renegotiation (as defined in section 1481(a)(1)(A)), the period shall not expire before September 1, 1959, or the expiration of

Taxes.
Claims for
credit.
68A Stat. 809;
72 Stat. 1663.

68A Stat. 362.