

either as a result of its acquisition of the lands comprising Camp Joseph H. Pendleton and adjoining naval installations, and the rights to the use of water as a part of said acquisition, or through actual use or prescription or both since the date of that acquisition, if any, or to create any legal obligation to store any water in De Luz Reservoir, to the use of which it has such rights, or to require the division under this Act of water to which it has such rights.

(d) Unless otherwise agreed by the Secretary of the Navy, De Luz Dam as herein provided shall at all times be operated in a manner which will permit the free passage of all of the water to the use of which the United States of America is entitled according to the laws of the State of California either as a result of its acquisition of the lands comprising Camp Joseph H. Pendleton and adjoining naval installations, and the rights to the use of water as a part of said acquisitions, or through actual use or prescription or both since the date of that acquisition, if any, and will not be administered or operated in any way which will impair or deplete the quantities of water to the use of which the United States of America would be entitled under the laws of the State of California had that structure not been built.

Water delivery regulations.

SEC. 4. After the construction of the De Luz Dam, the official operating the reservoir shall deliver water to the Fallbrook Public Utility District, pursuant to regulations issued by the Secretary of the Interior, as follows:

(1) One thousand eight hundred acre-feet in any year until the reservoir attains an active content of sixty-three thousand acre-feet;

(2) Not in excess of four thousand eight hundred acre-feet in any year after the reservoir attains an active content of sixty-three thousand acre-feet and until said reservoir attains an active content of ninety-eight thousand acre-feet; and

(3) Not in excess of eight thousand acre-feet in any year after the reservoir attains an active content of ninety-eight thousand acre-feet and until the conservation storage space of the reservoir has been filled.

Flood control.

33 USC 709.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of the Army through the Chief of Engineers, acting in accordance with section 7 of the Flood Control Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 887) is authorized to utilize for purposes of flood control such portion of the capacity of De Luz Reservoir as may be available therefor.

Santa Margarita River project. Appropriation.

SEC. 6. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, \$22,636,000, the current estimated construction cost of the Santa Margarita River project, plus or minus such amounts as may be indicated by the engineering cost indices for this type of construction, and, in addition thereto, such sums as may be required to operate and maintain the said project.

Reports to Congress.

SEC. 7. From time to time the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of the Navy shall report to the Congress concerning the conditions specified in section 1 of this Act, and the first report thereon shall be submitted to the Congress no later than one year from the date of enactment of this Act.

Approved July 28, 1954.

Public Law 548

CHAPTER 613

AN ACT

To authorize the construction of naval vessels, and for other purposes.

July 29, 1954  
[H. R. 8571]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the*

United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized to undertake the construction of, or to acquire and convert, not to exceed sixteen thousand tons of modern naval vessels in the combatant category, divided into the following subcategories:

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etc.

- (a) Mine warfare vessels, four thousand tons; and
- (b) Patrol vessels, twelve thousand tons.

To the extent that any ships authorized under this Act are constructed in private shipyards, such contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder insofar as national security requirements will permit and such award is practical, and is not inconsistent with the provisions of the Armed Services Procurement Act of 1947 or the Act of March 27, 1934 (ch. 95, 48 Stat. 503), as amended.

34 USC 494-497.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the construction, or for the acquisition and conversion, of the foregoing vessels.

Appropriation.

SEC. 3. The Act of August 8, 1950 (64 Stat. 420), is hereby amended by deleting "\$350,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$450,000,000".

34 USC 498m.

Approved July 29, 1954.

Public Law 549

CHAPTER 614

AN ACT

To reenact the authority for the appointment of certain officers of the Regular Navy and Marine Corps.

July 29, 1954  
[H. R. 6725]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 5 (a) and 5 (c) of the Act of April 18, 1946 (60 Stat. 92), as amended (34 U. S. C. 15), are hereby reenacted and amended so as to extend the authority granted therein to July 1, 1955, and by deleting in the first sentence of section 5 (a) the words "in the Regular Navy and Marine Corps, respectively." and inserting in lieu thereof the words "not above lieutenant in the Regular Navy and captain in the Regular Marine Corps."

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officers.  
Time extension.

SEC. 2. A person permanently appointed in the Regular Navy or Regular Marine Corps, under the authority of this Act, may also be temporarily appointed to a higher grade appropriate to the lineal position assigned, and such temporary appointment shall be regarded as having been effected pursuant to the law under which officers of the Regular Navy and Regular Marine Corps having comparable lineal position were temporarily appointed to such higher grade.

Temporary  
grade.

Approved July 29, 1954.

Public Law 550

CHAPTER 615

AN ACT

Authorizing the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to convey certain property to the Armory Board, State of Utah.

July 29, 1954  
[S. 3561]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized and directed to convey, without monetary consideration and subject to the conditions in section 2 of this Act, to the Armory Board, State of Utah, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a tract of thirty-five acres of land, more or less, situated in the western end of the Veterans'

Armory Board,  
Utah.

Conveyance.