

SEC. 2. No money paid to Indians under this Act shall be subject to any lien or claim of attorneys or other persons. Before any payment is made under this Act, the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians of Minnesota shall, in such manner as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, ratify and accept the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 3. Payments made under this Act shall not be held to be "other income and resources" as that term is used in sections 2 (a) (7), 402 (a) (7), and 1002 (a) (8) of the Social Security Act, as amended (U. S. C., 1946 edition, title 42, secs. 302 (a) (7), 602 (a) (7), and 1202 (a) (8)).

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Public Law 674

CHAPTER 1012

AN ACT

August 27, 1954
[H. R. 4213]

To authorize works for development and furnishing of water supplies for waterfowl management, Central Valley project, California, and for other purposes:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the entire Central Valley project, California, heretofore authorized under the Act of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 844, 850), and reauthorized under the Act of October 17, 1940 (54 Stat. 1198, 1199), the Act of October 14, 1949 (63 Stat. 852), and the Act of September 26, 1950 (64 Stat. 1036), is hereby reauthorized and declared to be for the purposes set forth in said Acts, and also for the use of the waters thereof for fish and wildlife purposes, subject to such priorities as are applicable under said Acts.

Central Valley project, Calif.
Reauthorization.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to construct, operate, and maintain such works on waterfowl management areas and refuges owned and operated by the State of California or the United States as may be necessary or desirable for the development of a water supply by means of wells and the recovery of drainage, and to furnish water available from such works, and water available from Central Valley project sources, for wildlife management purposes substantially in accordance with the recommendations set forth in the report of the United States Department of the Interior entitled "Waterfowl Conservation in the Lower San Joaquin Valley, Its Relation to the Grasslands and the Central Valley Project," dated October 1950, and such works should be developed in cooperation with the State of California.

Water supply development works.

SEC. 3. The cost of investigation, planning, and construction of the works and the delivery of water as authorized in section 2 of this Act shall not be reimbursable or returnable under the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and the Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto).

43 USC 371.

SEC. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such funds, not to exceed \$400,000, for construction of necessary works to supply water for State and federally owned and operated waterfowl management areas in the San Joaquin Valley to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Appropriation.

SEC. 5. Works constructed under the authorization of section 2, for the purpose of supplying State wildlife management areas with water, shall become the property of the State of California when constructed.

Ownership.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to contract for the delivery of water to public organizations or agencies for use within the boundaries of such organizations or agencies for water-

Water contracts.

fowl purposes in the Grasslands area of the San Joaquin Valley. If and when available, such water shall be delivered from the Central Valley project at a charge not to exceed the prevailing charge for class 2 water.

California law.

SEC. 7. The use of all water furnished by the Secretary of the Interior under section 2 and section 6 of this Act shall be subject to and not inconsistent with the laws of the State of California relating to priorities of deliveries and use of water. Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed as an allocation of water.

Approved August 27, 1954.

Public Law 675

CHAPTER 1013

AN ACT

August 27, 1954
[H. R. 4690]

To provide for the erection of appropriate markers in national cemeteries to honor the memory of members of the Armed Forces missing in action.

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 and the Secretary of the Army shall set aside, when available, suitable plots in the national cemeteries under their jurisdiction to honor the memory of members of the Armed Forces missing in action, and shall, under regulations to be jointly prescribed by them, permit the erection of appropriate markers thereon in honor of any such member or group of members.

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Public Law 676

CHAPTER 1014

AN ACT

August 27, 1954
[H. R. 6223]

To amend section 87 of the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, as amended (32 U. S. C. 47), to relieve the States from accountability and pecuniary liability for property lost, damaged, or destroyed except in cases where it shall appear that the loss, damage, or destruction of the property was due to carelessness or negligence or could have been avoided by the exercise of reasonable care.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 87 of the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, as amended (32 U. S. C. 47), is amended to read as follows:

“DISPOSITION AND REPLACEMENT OF DAMAGED PROPERTY, AND SO FORTH

“SEC. 87. All military property issued to the National Guard and Air National Guard as herein provided shall remain the property of the United States. Whenever any such property issued to the National Guard or Air National Guard in any State, Territory, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia shall have been lost, damaged, or destroyed, or become unserviceable or unsuitable by use in service or from any other cause, it shall be examined by a disinterested surveying officer of the United States Army, United States Air Force, or the National Guard or Air National Guard detailed by the appropriate Secretary, and the report of such surveying officer shall be forwarded to the appropriate Secretary or to such officer as he shall designate to receive such reports. The appropriate Secretary or his designated representative is hereby authorized to relieve the State, Territory, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia from further accountability and pecuniary liability for

National Guard,
39 Stat. 204.