

for which an appropriation is made, such appropriation to be dispersed on voucher to be approved by the Chairman of the House delegation and the Chairman of the Senate delegation.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 3. The United States Group of the North Atlantic Treaty Parliamentary Conference shall submit to the Congress a report for each fiscal year for which an appropriation is made, including its expenditures under such appropriation.

Auditing and accounting.

SEC. 4. The certificate of the Chairman of the House delegation and the Senate delegation of the North Atlantic Treaty Parliamentary Conference shall hereafter be final and conclusive upon the accounting officers in the auditing of the accounts of the United States Group of the North Atlantic Treaty Parliamentary Conference.

Approved July 11, 1956.

### Public Law 690

### CHAPTER 563

#### AN ACT

July 11, 1956  
[H. R. 6643]

To amend the reclamation laws to provide that excess lands acquired by foreclosure or inheritance may receive water temporarily for five years.

Excess lands.  
Receipt of water temporarily.  
43 USC 423e.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 46 of the Omnibus Adjustment Act of May 25, 1926 (44 Stat. 649; 43 U. S. C. 423 (e)) is amended by adding thereto after the words "land involved in such fraudulent sales:" and before the words "*Provided further*" the following: "*Provided, however,* That if excess land is acquired by foreclosure or other process of law, by conveyance in satisfaction of mortgages, by inheritance, or by devise, water therefor may be furnished temporarily for a period not exceeding five years from the effective date of such acquisition, delivery of water thereafter ceasing until the transfer thereof to a landowner duly qualified to secure water therefor:"

SEC. 2. Section 3 of the Act of August 9, 1912 (37 Stat. 266; 43 U. S. C. 544), is amended by deleting that portion reading "but any such excess land acquired at any time in good faith by descent, by will, or by foreclosure of any lien may be held for two years and no longer after its acquisition;" and adding in lieu thereof "but any such excess land acquired by foreclosure or other process of law, by conveyance in satisfaction of mortgages, by inheritance, or by devise, may be held for five years and no longer after its acquisition, and water may be temporarily furnished during that time;"

43 USC 371 note.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized, upon request of any holder of an existing contract under the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto), to amend the contract to conform to the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this Act.

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### Public Law 691

### CHAPTER 564

#### AN ACT

July 11, 1956  
[H. R. 6850]

To create an academic advisory board for the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

Merchant Marine Academy.  
Advisory board.  
46 USC 1126d.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Public Law 214, Eightieth Congress (61 Stat. 401), be amended to read as follows: "The Secretary of Commerce may appoint an advisory board to the