

## Public Law 88-565

## AN ACT

September 2, 1964  
[S. 26]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct, operate, and maintain the Dixie project, Utah, and for other purposes.

Dixie Project,  
Utah.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, for the purposes of developing the water resources of the Virgin and Santa Clara Rivers, including the furnishing of municipal and industrial water supplies, the furnishing of an irrigation water supply to approximately twenty-one thousand acres of land, the control of floods, the generation and sale of electric energy, the conservation and development of fish and wildlife resources, and the enhancement of recreation opportunities, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to construct, operate, and maintain the Dixie project, Utah. The project shall consist of the Virgin City Dam and Reservoir, tunnels, canals, siphons, pumping plants, and other works necessary to serve irrigated and irrigable lands along and adjacent to the Virgin River; a dam on the Santa Clara River near Gunlock, Utah, and other works necessary to serve irrigated and irrigable lands along and adjacent to the Santa Clara River and on Ivins Bench; and hydroelectric plants and transmission facilities at the Virgin City Dam and at such other points as are desirable. The Dixie project shall be coordinated with the Cedar City water development program which includes the diversion of the waters of Crystal Creek into the Kolob Reservoir, and after completion of the Dixie project said waters of Crystal Creek and of the natural watershed of said Kolob Reservoir shall be exported for use of Cedar City and vicinity in accordance with an agreement entered by Cedar City and Iron County, Utah, on the 26th day of August 1953, with Kolob Reservoir and Storage Association, Incorporated, and Washington County, Utah.

SEC. 2. The project shall include such measures for the disposition of saline waters of La Verkin Springs as are necessary in the opinion of the Secretary to insure the delivery of water at downstream points along the Virgin River for water users in the States of Arizona and Nevada of suitable quality for irrigation, or provision shall be made to indemnify such water users for any impairment of water quality for irrigation purposes directly attributable to Dixie project operations.

43 USC 371 note.

SEC. 3. In constructing, operating, and maintaining the works authorized by this Act, 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 as is otherwise provided in this Act.

Construction,  
Commencement.

SEC. 4. Construction of the project shall not be commenced until there shall be established a conservancy district or similar organization with such powers as may be required by the Secretary, these to include powers to tax both real and personal property within the boundary of the district and to enter into contracts with the United States for the repayment of reimbursable costs.

Interest rate.

SEC. 5. The interest rate to be used for purposes of computing interest during construction and interest on the unpaid balance of those portions of the reimbursable costs which are properly allocable to commercial power development and municipal and industrial water supply shall be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which this bill is enacted, on the basis of the computed average interest rate payable by the Treasury upon its outstanding marketable public obligations, which are neither due nor callable for redemption for fifteen years from date of

issue. If the interest rate so computed is not a multiple of one-eighth of 1 per centum, the rate of interest to be used for these purposes shall be the multiple of one-eighth of 1 per centum next lower than the rate so computed. The portions of the costs which are allocable to commercial power development and to municipal and industrial water supply shall be repaid over a period of fifty years with interest at the rate determined in accordance with this section. The portion of the cost which is allocable to irrigation shall be repaid, pursuant to reclamation law, within fifty years plus any authorized development period.

SEC. 6. The Secretary is authorized in connection with the project to construct, operate, and maintain or otherwise provide for the basic public outdoor recreation facilities, to acquire or otherwise to include within the project area such adjacent lands or interests therein as are necessary for public recreation use, to allocate water and reservoir capacity to recreation, and to provide for the public use and enjoyment of project lands, facilities, and water areas in a manner coordinated with other project purposes. The Secretary is authorized to enter into agreements with Federal agencies or State or local public bodies for the operation, maintenance, and additional development of project lands or facilities, or to dispose of project lands or facilities to Federal agencies, or State or local public bodies by lease, transfer, conveyance, or exchange, upon such terms and conditions as will best promote the development and operation of such lands or facilities in the public interest for recreation purposes. The costs of the aforesaid undertakings, and the costs of the project allocated to fish and wildlife enhancement, including costs of investigation, planning, Federal operation and maintenance, and an appropriate share of joint costs of the project, shall be nonreimbursable. Nothing herein shall limit the authority of the Secretary granted by existing provisions of law relating to recreation development of water resource projects, or disposition of public lands for recreational purposes.

Public recreation.

SEC. 7. The use of all water diverted for this project from the Colorado River system shall be subject to and controlled by the Colorado River compact, the Boulder Canyon Project Act (45 Stat. 1057; 43 U.S.C. 617t), and the Mexican Water Treaty (Treaty Series 994) (59 Stat. 1219).

SEC. 8. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the construction of the Dixie project, the sum of \$42,700,000, plus or minus such amounts, if any, as may be justified by reason of ordinary fluctuations in construction costs as indicated by engineering cost indexes applicable to types of construction involved therein, and, in addition thereto, such sums as may be required to operate and maintain said project.

Appropriation.

Approved September 2, 1964.

Public Law 88-566

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the President to proclaim October 9 in each year as Leif Erikson Day.

September 2, 1964  
[H. J. Res. 393]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President of the United States is authorized to officially proclaim October 9 in each year as Leif Erikson Day.

Leif Erikson  
Day.  
Proclamation.

Approved September 2, 1964.