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Seventieth Congress of the United States of America;
At the Second Session,

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the third day of
December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight.

AN ACT

To provide for the construction of works for the protection and
development of the Colorado River Basin, for the approval of the
Colorado River compact, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the pur-
pose of controlling the floods, improving navigation and regulating
the flow of the Colorado River, providing for storage and for the
delivery of the stored waters thereof for reclamation of public lands
and other beneficial uses exclusively within the United States, and for
the generation of electrical energy as a means of making the project
herein authorized a self-supporting and financially solvent under-
taking, the Secretary of the Interior, subject to the terms of the Colo-
rado River compact hereinafter mentioned, is hereby authorized to
construct, operate, and maintain a dam and incidental works in the
main stream of the Colorado River at Black Canyon or Boulder
Canyon adequate to create a storage reservoir of a capacity of not
less than twenty million acre-feet of water and a main canal and
appurtenant structures located entirely within the United States con-
necting the Laguna Dam, or other suitable diversion dam, which the
Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to construct if deemed
necessary or advisable by him upon engineering or economic con-
siderations, with the Imperial and Coachella Valleys in California,
the expenditures for said main canal and appurtenant structures
to be reimbursable, as provided in the reclamation law, and shall
not be paid out of revenues derived from the sale or disposal of water
power or electric energy at the dam authorized to be constructed at
said Black Canyon or Boulder Canyon, or for water for potable pur-
poses outside of the Imperial and Coachella Valleys: *Provided, how-
ever,* That no charge shall be made for water or for the use, storage,
or delivery of water for irrigation or water for potable purposes in
the Imperial or Coachella Valleys; also to construct and equip,
operate, and maintain at or near said dam, or cause to be constructed,
a complete plant and incidental structures suitable for the fullest
economic development of electrical energy from the water discharged
from said reservoir; and to acquire by proceedings in eminent*