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## ESTIMATES FOR IRRIGATION OF CERTAIN LANDS UNDER COLORADO RIVER COMPACT

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Mr. KENDRICK, from the Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. J. Res. 131]

The Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. J. Res. 131) authorizing the making of surveys, plans, and estimates for the irrigation of certain lands in the State of Wyoming, under the terms of the Colorado River compact, and for other purposes, reports the same with amendments and recommends that, as amended, the resolution do pass.

The preamble of this resolution calls attention to a report of the board of review, dated October, 1916, from which it appears that at least one-half million acres of land in Wyoming are practicable for irrigation from the Colorado River system. Attention is also called to the proposed Colorado River compact, under the terms of which 7,500,000 acre-feet of water would be assigned annually to the upper basin States, which include Wyoming.

The committee believes that now is the time to begin a detailed study of practical irrigation problems in the upper basin of the river and to prepare comprehensive plans for the application of such water to its greatest beneficial use. This investigation should be conducted carefully and thoroughly, without haste, and work should therefore be commenced as soon as possible. The resolution would permit the Department of the Interior to prepare plans and estimates for the irrigation of at least one unit of this large area.

The committee recommends the adoption of the following amendments, which are self-explanatory:

On page 2, line 10, insert the word "proposed" before the word "Colorado River compact."

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Strike out section 2 and insert in place thereof the following:

SEC. 2. For carrying out the purposes of this act the sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the United States Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Amend the title by inserting the word "proposed" before the words "Colorado River compact."

The Secretary of the Interior approves the passage of this resolution and has reported to the committee as follows:

I am in receipt of Senate Joint Resolution 131, authorizing the making of surveys, plans, and estimates for the irrigation of certain lands in the State of Wyoming, under the terms of the proposed Colorado River compact.

This resolution, if adopted, will inaugurate the preparation of comprehensive plans for the utilization of the water allocated to the upper section of the river. The report of the board of review, submitted in October, 1916, shows the extent and value of the lands in Wyoming which can be irrigated from the Colorado. Plans and estimates for the irrigation of one unit of this area are now needed. This seems desirable.

This report has been referred to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, who states that he is directed by the President to advise that the proposed report is not in conflict with his financial program.