

Subsection 2(c) authorizes retention of the rates of charge to existing land classes and the acreage assessable in each land class during constructing and testing of the water conservation works. Thereafter the rates of charge and assessable acreage would be determined in accordance with the amortization capacity and classification of unit lands as determined by the Secretary.

Subsection 2(d) provides for credit to the District for amounts paid on the repayment obligations under previous contracts and a commensurate reduction in the repayment period of individual tracts to reflect credit for amounts formerly paid by the District and attributable to such tracts.

Subsection 2(e) provides that for the first 10 years of the repayment period the annual obligation of the District would be reduced by the amounts the District has credited to water users who have provided drainage tile at their own expense, to a total of not to exceed \$50,000. The project has run into serious problems of waterlogging and salinization. The District has undertaken the task of repairing or replacing deteriorated project works, lining canals and laterals, and installing an effective drainage system under a rehabilitation and betterment program. A sum of \$4,464,925 has been obligated under that program by the District by June 1966 and local farmers themselves have spent almost \$50,000 for drain tile. In future drainage programs landowners will not be required to furnish tile at their own expense and it seems equitable to give credit to those who have already contributed for such purposes. Pursuant to this subsection the irrigation district will credit individual water charges over a 10-year period until the farmers' contributions have been repaid and the United States will in turn reduce the District's obligation by the amounts so credited.

Subsection 3(a) provides nonreimbursable treatment for construction and rehabilitation and betterment costs of the unit assignable to land classified as permanently unproductive. If these lands should be reclassified as productive, the repayment obligation of the District would be correspondingly increased.

Subsection 3(b) commits application of net revenues of the Riverton unit to irrigation costs which are not assigned to be repaid by water users.

Subsection 3(c) provides that net revenues of the Missouri River Basin project would be applied to reimbursable costs not assigned to be repaid by irrigators or returned from net revenues of the unit.

Section 4 modifies the excess land provisions of the Federal reclamation laws to permit delivery of water to owners of 160 acres of Class 1 land or their equivalent in other land classes, as determined by the Secretary. Public Law 88-278 permitted modification of the excess land provisions of lands in the third division alone. This bill would extend that modification to the entire unit and is justified by the same conditions—all these lands are located at high altitudes with a relatively short growing season and are limited in their adaptability for crops.

Subsection 5(a) authorizes the Secretary to sell lands on the unit at public or private sale in tracts of any size at not less than their appraised then fair market value so long as no one owner holds more than 160 acres of Class 1 lands or their equivalent as classified under section 4.

Subsection 5(b) gives a priority to resident landowners on the unit who have not sold their lands to the United States under Public Law 88-278. Those persons entitled to priority may purchase lands to supplement their existing farms.

The following statement reflects the financial accounts of the Riverton unit as they would be if S. 670 is enacted and the entire Riverton extension unit is reauthorized as a unit of the Missouri River Basin project:

I. Project costs:	
Plant and equipment to June 30, 1966-----	\$25, 295, 319
Land costs-----	4, 262, 980
Miscellaneous costs to June 30, 1966-----	734, 465
Estimate to complete R. & B. and minor facilities-----	108, 000
Estimate for additional construction for Midvale area---	11, 103, 000
Fish and Wildlife lands and facilities-----	1, 565, 000
Total-----	43, 069, 664
II. Allocation of costs:	
Irrigation-----	40, 975, 523
Power-----	528, 241
Fish and wildlife-----	1, 565, 000
Total-----	43, 069, 664