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A P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, The State of Arizona lies almost wholly within the drainage area of the Colorado River and constitutes 43% of the entire drainage area of that stream, and it is estimated that Arizona contributes some 28% of the water of the Colorado River system; and

WHEREAS, The State of Arizona has in its Constitution and upon its statutes certain provisions governing the utilization of the water resources within our State; and

WHEREAS, The State of Arizona has been content to progress and develop under the general provisions of the law based upon prior appropriation and beneficial consumptive use of water; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has authorized the making of a compact between the seven states in the Colorado River basin and each of the seven states in the Colorado River basin passed a law authorizing the appointment of commissioners to negotiate such a compact which resulted in the making of a compact at Santa Fe, New Mexico, which was signed on November 24th, 1922; and

WHEREAS, The states of Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico and Nevada have unconditionally ratified the Santa Fe compact. The State of California ratified the compact in 1923 but rescinded its action in 1925 and adopted a resolution providing for ratification contingent upon certain conditions being fulfilled which were specified in the resolution of adoption; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Arizona has twice refused to ratify the Santa Fe compact; and

WHEREAS, Committees representing the states of Arizona, California and Nevada have repeatedly met in an endeavor to arrive at an agreement and apportion the water available for use in the lower basin among these states and to determine an equitable basis for obtaining revenue from the development of hydro-electric power for the states in which the power would be developed; and

WHEREAS, The proposals made to Arizona by the State of California have failed to meet with the approval of the Arizona conferrees and they advise me that they cannot accept the terms California offers and do not believe that the Legislature or the people of Arizona will accept these terms; and

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WHEREAS, The general situation as it affects Arizona has been endangered and aggravated by the approval granted to a certain measure known as the Swing-Johnson, Boulder Canyon Dam Act by the Senate Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation, and the committee of the House of Representatives on Irrigation and Reclamation of the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, Under the terms and conditions set out in the Swing-Johnson, Boulder Canyon Dam Act, the State of Arizona would be injured and its rights jeopardized and its sovereignty invaded; and

WHEREAS, No appropriation has been made or funds made available to defray the expenses of committees representing Arizona or to employ attorneys or engineers to represent and protect the interests of Arizona in this great natural resource which lies within our domain; and

WHEREAS, The State Highway Department is severely handicapped in its activities due to the lack of adequate finances to match available federal-aid moneys and the State of Arizona is in danger of losing federal-aid money appropriated for highway purposes unless the State matches its funds and earns the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George W. P. Hunt, Governor of Arizona, in consideration of the premises and by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution, do hereby convene the Eighth Legislature of the State of Arizona in special session in Phoenix, the Capital of Arizona, at ten o'clock on the morning of Monday, January third, A. D. 1927, for the purpose of providing legislation on the subjects hereinafter following:

- (1) To enact legislation and make appropriations to properly conserve the interests of the State of Arizona in the Colorado River and to provide for its development.
- (2) To enact legislation and make appropriation for the financing and administration of the Arizona State Highway Department.

(SEAL)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the great seal of the State of Arizona.

Done at Phoenix, the Capital, January 3d, 1927.


GOVERNOR OF ARIZONA

ATTEST: JAMES H. KERBY
SECRETARY OF STATE