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CHAP. 93.—An Act To require numbering and recording of undocumented vessels:

Shipping.
Undocumented vessels to be numbered, etc.
Exceptions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every undocumented vessel, operated in whole or in part by machinery, owned in the United States and found on the navigable waters thereof, except public vessels, and vessels not exceeding sixteen feet in length measured from end to end over the deck excluding sheer, temporarily equipped with detachable motors, shall be numbered. Such numbers shall be not less in size than three inches and painted or attached to each bow of the vessel in such manner and color as to be distinctly visible and legible.

Issue, record, etc.

SEC. 2. That the said numbers, on application of the owner or master, shall be awarded by the collector of customs of the district in which the vessel is owned and a record thereof kept in the custom-house of the district in which the owner or managing owner resides. No numbers not so awarded shall be carried on the bows of such vessel.

Notice of change in ownership, destruction, etc., to be made.

SEC. 3. That notice of destruction or abandonment of such vessels or change in their ownership shall be furnished within ten days by the owners to the collectors of customs of the districts where such numbers were awarded. Such vessel sold into another customs district may be numbered anew in the latter district.

Penalty for violations.

SEC. 4. That the penalty for violation of any provision of this Act shall be \$10, for which the vessel shall be liable and may be seized and proceeded against in the district court of the United States in any district in which such vessel may be found. Such penalty on application may be mitigated or remitted by the Secretary of Commerce.

Regulations.

SEC. 5. That the Secretary of Commerce shall make such regulations as may be necessary to secure proper execution of this Act by collectors of customs and other officers of the Government.

Effective date.

SEC. 6. That this Act shall take effect six months after its passage.

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CHAP. 95.—An Act To provide for appeals from decisions of boards of local inspectors of vessels, and for other purposes.

Steamboat inspection.
Appeals from local boards to supervising inspector, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever any person directly interested in or affected by any decision or action of any board of local inspectors of vessels shall feel aggrieved by such decision or action, he may appeal therefrom to the supervising inspector of the district; and a like appeal shall be allowed from any decision or action of a supervising inspector to the Supervising Inspector General, whose decision, when approved by the Secretary of Commerce, shall be final: *Provided, however,* That application for such reexamination of the case by a supervising inspector or by the Supervising Inspector General shall be made within thirty days after the decision or action appealed from shall have been rendered or taken: *And provided further,* That in all cases reviewed under the provisions of this Act where the issue is the suspension or revoca-

Provisos.
Time limit.

Appearance of suspended officer, etc.

tion of the license of a licensed officer such officer shall be allowed to be represented by counsel and to testify in his own behalf.

SEC. 2. That whenever there shall be a disagreement between the local inspectors in regard to any matter before them for decision they shall report the case to the supervising inspector of the district, who shall investigate and decide the same. Any supervising inspector may within thirty days thereafter, upon his own motion, review any decision or action of any board of local inspectors within his district and in like manner the Supervising Inspector General may within thirty days thereafter review any decision or action of any supervising inspector or board of local inspectors, and the decision of the Supervising Inspector General in such case shall, when approved by the Secretary of Commerce, be final.

SEC. 3. That any decision or action reviewed by the Supervising Inspector General or by any supervising inspector, as provided in sections one and two of this Act, may be revoked, changed, or modified by such reviewing officer, who shall have power to administer oaths and to summon and compel the attendance of witnesses by a similar process as in the district courts of the United States; and the disbursing clerk, Department of Commerce, shall pay, on properly certified vouchers, such fees to any witness so summoned for his actual travel and attendance as shall be officially certified to by the officer reviewing the case, not exceeding the rate allowed for fees to witnesses for travel and attendance in the district courts of the United States.

SEC. 4. That the Secretary of Commerce shall make such regulations as may be necessary to secure a proper enforcement of the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. That section forty-four hundred and fifty-two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section six of the Act of March third, nineteen hundred and five, is hereby repealed.

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CHAP. 96.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act granting pensions to certain enlisted men, soldiers, and officers who served in the Civil War and the War with Mexico," approved May eleventh, nineteen hundred and twelve.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the general pension Act of May eleventh, nineteen hundred and twelve, is hereby amended by adding a new section, to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. That from and after the passage of this Act the rate of pension for any person who served ninety days or more in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil War, now on the roll or hereafter to be placed on the pension roll and entitled to receive a less rate than hereinafter provided, shall be \$30 per month. In case such person has reached the age of seventy-two years and served six months, the rate shall be \$32 per month; one year, \$35 per month; one and a half years, \$38 per month; two years or over, \$40 per month: *Provided*, That this Act shall not be so construed as to reduce any pension under any Act, public or private: *Provided further*, That no pension attorney, claim agent, or other person, shall be entitled to receive any compensation for presenting any claim to the Bureau of Pensions under this Act, except in applications for original pension by persons who have not heretofore received a pension."

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Action on disagreements of local boards.

Final action.

Procedure.

Witness fees.

Regulations.

Laws repealed.
R. S., sec. 4452, p. 861.
Vol. 33, p. 1030.

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Pensions.
Vol. 37, p. 114,
amended.

Civil War service pensions.
Minimum.

Ratings for age increased.

Provisos.
No reduction of present pensions.

Limitation of attorneys' fees.