

police, the Legislative Drafting Service, and employees paid on vouchers under authority of resolutions, their respective salaries for the month of December, 1924, on the 20th day of that month.

Approved, December 17, 1924.

CHAP. 13.—An Act To authorize alterations to certain naval vessels and to provide for the construction of additional vessels.

December 18, 1924.
[H. R. 8687.]
[Public, No. 297.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That alterations are hereby authorized for the United States ships New York, Texas, Florida, Utah, Arkansas, and Wyoming, to consist of the installation of additional protection against submarine attack, of the installation of anti-air attack deck protection, of the conversion of such vessels to oil burning, and, in addition, for the New York and Texas, the purchase, manufacture, and installation of new fire-control systems, at a total cost not to exceed \$18,360,000 in all.

Navy.
Alterations authorized of designated ships.
Post, p. 1335.

Fire-control systems.

Construction of eight scout cruisers.
Post, p. 1336.

SEC. 2. That the President of the United States is hereby authorized to undertake prior to July 1, 1927, the construction of the vessels enumerated below: Eight scout cruisers, carrying protection and armament suited to their size and type, to have the highest practicable speed and the greatest desirable radius of action, and to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, not to exceed \$11,100,000 each; six river gunboats, to cost, exclusive of armament, not to exceed \$700,000 each: *Provided*, That in the construction of the vessels herein enumerated the President is authorized, in his discretion, to make use of the naval ordnance plant at South Charleston, West Virginia, for the manufacture of armor and armament needed for such vessels.

Six river boats.
Proviso.
Armor and armament from plant at South Charleston, W. Va.

Vessels to be constructed or reconditioned by this Act shall be constructed or reconditioned in the Government navy yards of the United States, when time and facilities permit and when in the judgment of the Secretary of the Navy such construction or reconditioning would not involve an appreciable increase in the cost to the Government.

Work at navy yards if cost not increased thereby.

SEC. 3. That the alterations to capital ships and the construction of new vessels under the authorization contained in this Act shall be subject to the limitations prescribed by the treaty limiting naval armament, ratified August 17, 1923.

Authorizations subject to treaty limitations.
Post, p. 1655.

SEC. 4. That in the event of an international conference for the limitation of naval armaments the President is hereby empowered, in his discretion, to suspend in whole or in part any or all alterations or construction authorized in this Act.

Suspension authorized if international conference for naval limitation held.

Approved, December 18, 1924.

CHAP. 14.—An Act To authorize the settlement of the indebtedness of the Republic of Lithuania to the United States of America.

December 22, 1924.
[H. R. 10650.]
[Public, No. 298.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the settlement of the indebtedness of the Republic of Lithuania to the United States of America made by the World War Foreign Debt Commission and approved by the President upon the terms and conditions as set forth in Senate Document Numbered 168, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, is hereby approved in general terms as follows:

Lithuania.
Settlement of its World War indebtedness approved.
Vol. 42, p. 363.

The amount of the indebtedness to be funded, after allowing for cash payments made by Lithuania, is \$6,030,000, which has been computed as follows:

Amount to be funded.