

as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be available for the purpose of this resolution, and to remain available until expended or no longer required, all expenditures out of said appropriation being made subject to approval by the Secretary of State: *Provided*, That no indebtedness shall be incurred hereunder in excess of the amount herein authorized to be appropriated.

SEC. 9. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to transmit to Congress within six months of the close of said exposition a detailed statement of the expenditures which may have been incurred under the provisions of the resolution, together with all reports called for under sections 5, 6, and 7 of this resolution, which reports shall be prepared and arranged with a view to concise statement and convenient reference.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

Approval of Secretary of State required.
Proviso.
Indebtedness in excess forbidden.

Detailed statement of expenses, etc., to Congress six months after close of exposition.

March 3, 1925.
[S. J. Res. 186.]

CHAP. 486.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the sale of the old Federal building at Toledo, Ohio

Toledo, Ohio.
Preamble.

Whereas the old Federal building in Toledo, Ohio, has become wholly inadequate to meet the needs of the Government, but is situated on a site sufficiently valuable to permit of its sale, and the erection of a new Federal building in a more suitable location, at a cost of but little if any more than the sale price of the old building: Therefore be it

Sale authorized of abandoned post office, etc., building at.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to sell, when salable, at a price by him deemed reasonable and adequate for cash, at either private or public sale, the old Federal building in Toledo, Ohio, formerly used as the main post office and Federal building combined, and now abandoned as a main post office, and used as a post-office substation and Federal office and court building, the same being situated on the southeast corner of Madison Avenue and Saint Clair Street in said city.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

March 3, 1925.
[H. J. Res. 347.]

CHAP. 487.—Joint Resolution Providing for an investigation of the official conduct of George W. English, district judge for the eastern district of Illinois.

Judge George W. English.
Preamble.

Whereas certain charges against George W. English, United States district judge for the eastern district of Illinois, have been transmitted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the Judiciary Committee: Be it

Subcommittee of House of Representative Judiciary Committee directed to inquire into official conduct of, and report to the House.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That William D. Boies, Charles A. Christopherson, Ira G. Hersey, Earl C. Michener, Hatton W. Sumners, John N. Tillman, and Royal H. Weller, being a Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to inquire into the official conduct of George W. English, United States district judge for the eastern district of Illinois, and to report to the House whether in their opinion the said George W. English has been guilty of any acts which in contemplation of the Constitution are high crimes or misdemeanors requiring the interposition of the constitutional powers of the House; and that the said special committee have power to hold meetings in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and elsewhere and to send for persons and papers, to ad-

Powers conferred, etc.

minister the customary oaths to witnesses, all process to be signed by the Clerk of the House of Representatives under its seal, and be served by the Sergeant at Arms of the House or his special messenger; to sit during the sessions of the House until adjournment sine die of Sixty-eighth Congress, and thereafter until said inquiry is completed, and report to the Sixty-ninth Congress.

SEC. 2. That said special committee be, and the same is hereby, authorized to employ such stenographic and clerical assistance as they may deem necessary, and all expenses incurred by said special committee, including the expenses of such committee when sitting in or outside of the District of Columbia, shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives on vouchers ordered by said committee, signed by the chairman of said committee: *Provided, however,* That the total expenditures authorized by this resolution shall not exceed the sum of \$5,000.

Expenses to be paid from House contingent fund.

Proviso.
Amount limited.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

CHAP. 488.—Joint Resolution Authorizing and directing the Secretary of Agriculture to waive one-half of the grazing fees for the use of the national forests during the calendar year 1925.

March 3, 1925.
[H. J. Res. 375.]
[Pub. Res., No. 68.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized, in his discretion, under regulations to be prescribed by him, to waive any part of or all requirements in respect of grazing fees for the use of national forests in drought-stricken regions during the calendar year 1925 or any part of such calendar year.

National forests.
Grazing fees may be waived, etc., in drought-stricken areas during 1925.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

CHAP. 489.—Joint Resolution Empowering the Speaker of the House of Representatives to appoint a Member-elect of the Sixty-ninth Congress as a member of the Commission in Control of the House Office Building.

March 3, 1925.
[H. J. Res. 382.]
[Pub. Res., No. 69.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Congress is hereby empowered to appoint a Member-elect of the House of Representatives to the Sixty-ninth Congress as a member of the Commission in Control of the House Office Building until the election of a Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Congress.

House Office Building.
Appointment authorized of a Member-elect of Sixty-ninth Congress on Commission in Control of.
Vol. 32, p. 1114.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

CHAP. 521.—An Act To provide for the establishment of a probation system in the United States courts, except in the District of Columbia.

March 4, 1925.
[S. 1042.]
[Public, No. 596.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the courts of the United States having original jurisdiction of criminal actions, except in the District of Columbia, when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court that the ends of justice and the best interests of the public, as well as the defendant, will be subserved thereby, shall have power, after conviction or after a plea of guilty or nolo contendere for any crime or offense not punishable by death or life imprisonment, to suspend the imposition or execution of sentence and to place the defendant upon probation for such period and upon such terms and conditions as they may deem best; or the court may

United States courts. In criminal actions defendant may be placed upon probation after conviction, etc.