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Columbia River and  
tributaries.  
Preamble.

**CHAP. 534.**—An Act To permit a compact or agreement between the States of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and Montana respecting the disposition and apportionment of the waters of the Columbia River and its tributaries, and for other purposes.

Whereas the Columbia River and its tributaries are interstate streams having their sources in a drainage area of approximately 250,000 square miles, said streams flowing through the States of Montana, Idaho, Washington, and the Columbia River forming the boundary between the States of Washington and Oregon; and

Whereas the above-named States are vitally interested in the possible development of the Columbia River and its tributaries for irrigation, power, domestic and navigation uses; and

Whereas the Secretary of the Interior, in a letter to the President dated December 11, 1924, has pointed out that plans for future reclamation development must take into consideration the needs of the States and the water-right problems of interstate streams and stated that efforts to reach an agreement for the economic apportionment of water of interstate streams by the States concerned "have the cordial approval and support of this Department"; and

Whereas it is desirable that a compact for the economic apportionment of the water of the Columbia River and its tributaries for irrigation, power, domestic, and navigation purposes, entered into by and between the said States of Montana, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, and that the interests of the United States be considered in the drawing of said compact, by authorized representatives of each of said States and of the United States: Now, therefore,

Washington, Idaho,  
Oregon, and Montana.  
Negotiating agree-  
ment of apportionment  
of water supply among  
them consented to.Federal representa-  
tives to participate and  
report.Proviso.  
Legislative and Con-  
gress approval re-  
quired.

Amendment.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That consent of Congress is hereby given to the States of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and Montana to negotiate and enter into a compact or agreement not later than January 1, 1927, providing for an equitable division and apportionment among said States of the water supply of the Columbia River and of the streams tributary thereto, upon condition that two suitable persons, who shall be appointed by the President of the United States, one from the Department of the Interior and one from the War Department, shall participate in said negotiations as the representatives of the United States and shall make report to Congress of the proceedings and of any compact or agreement entered into: *Provided,* That any such compact or agreement shall not be binding or obligatory upon any of the parties thereto unless and until the same shall have been approved by the legislature of each of said States and by the Congress of the United States.

**SEC. 2.** The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is herewith expressly reserved.

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**CHAP. 535.**—An Act To amend the patent and trade-mark laws, and for other purposes.

Patent Office.  
Certificates to rectify  
office mistake in regis-  
tration to be issued and  
recorded.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That whenever a mistake in a patent or trade-mark registration, incurred through the fault of the Patent Office, is clearly disclosed by the records or files of the office, a certificate, stating the fact and nature of such mistake, signed by the Commissioner of Patents and sealed with the seal of the Patent Office, may be issued, without charge, and recorded in the records of patents or trade-marks, and a printed copy thereof attached to each printed copy of the patent or trade-mark registra-