

Payment authorized to, as indemnity for collision damages to steamship "Masned-sund."

hereby authorized to be paid to the Government of Denmark, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, as a matter of grace and without reference to the question of liability therefor, as full indemnity for the losses sustained by the owners of the Danish steamship Masned-sund, or any other parties pecuniarily interested, as a result of collisions between it and the United States ship Siboney on November 12, 1918, and the United States Army tug Numbered 21 on November 15, 1918, at Saint Nazaire, France, the sum of \$4,772.97, as recommended by the President in his message of May 31, 1924.

Approved, May 25, 1926.

May 25, 1926.  
[H. R. 3859.]

[Public, No. 289.]

Naturalization.  
Declaration of intention.  
Vol. 40, p. 544, repealed.

Prohibition, for making on election day, etc., repealed.

Declarations heretofore filed validated.

**CHAP. 388.**—An Act To validate certain declarations of intentions.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That so much of the seventh subdivision of section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization and to provide for a uniform rule for the naturalization of aliens throughout the United States," approved June 29, 1906, as amended, as reads as follows: "*Provided*, That it shall not be lawful to make a declaration of intention before the clerk of any court on election day or during the period of thirty days preceding the day of holding of any election within the jurisdiction of the court," is repealed.

**SEC. 2.** No declaration of intention heretofore filed in disregard of so much of such Act of 1906 as is above repealed shall be held invalid for such cause.

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[H. R. 10539.]

[Public, No. 290.]

"Minnesota," battleship.  
Silver service presented to, may be delivered to the State.

*Proviso.*  
No Government expense.

**CHAP. 389.**—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Navy, in his discretion, to deliver to the custody of the State of Minnesota the silver service set in use on the battleship Minnesota.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy is authorized, in his discretion, to deliver to the custody of the State of Minnesota for preservation and exhibition the silver service which was in use on the battleship Minnesota: *Provided*, That no expense shall be incurred by the United States for the delivery of such silver service.

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[H. J. Res. 176.]

[Pub. Res., No. 30.]

Vermont Sesquicentennial Commission.  
Established of nine members.

Composition of.

No compensation.

**CHAP. 390.**—Joint Resolution Establishing a commission for the participation of the United States in the observance of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversaries of the independence of Vermont and the Battle of Bennington, and authorizing an appropriation to be utilized in connection with such observance.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby established a commission to be known as the United States Vermont Sesquicentennial Commission (hereinafter referred to as the commission) and to be composed of nine commissioners, as follows: Three persons to be appointed by the President of the United States, three Senators by the President of the Senate, and three Members of the House of Representatives by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The commission shall serve without compensation and shall select a chairman and secretary from among their number.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,000, to be expended by the commission for actual and necessary traveling expenses and subsistence (notwithstanding the provisions of any other act) while discharging its official duties outside the District of Columbia.

Amount for expenses authorized.  
Post, p. 845.

Approved, May 25, 1926.

CHAP. 391.—Joint Resolution Making an additional appropriation for the payment of pensions for the fiscal year 1926.

May 25, 1926.  
H. J. Res. 257.  
[Pub. Res., No. 31]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of Army and Navy pensions for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, as follows: For invalids, widows, minor children, and dependent relatives, Army nurses, and all other pensioners who are now borne on the rolls, or who may hereafter be placed thereon, under the provisions of any and all Acts of Congress, \$10,730,000: Provided, That the appropriation aforesaid for Navy pensions shall be paid from the income of the Navy pension fund, so far as the same shall be sufficient for that purpose: Provided further, That the amount expended under each of the above items shall be accounted for separately.*

Pensions.  
Appropriation for payment of, fiscal year 1926.

Proviso.  
Navy from naval fund.

Separate accounting.

Approved, May 25, 1926.

CHAP. 395.—An Act To cancel water-right charges and release liens on the Buford-Trenton and Williston irrigation projects, North Dakota, and for other purposes.

May 26, 1926.  
[H. R. 7819.]  
[Public, No. 291.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, authorized to cancel water-right charges of any and every kind in connection with the Buford-Trenton and Williston irrigation projects in North Dakota constructed under the Act of Congress approved June 17, 1902 (Thirty-second Statutes at Large, page 388), and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, and to release or consent to the release of any and all liens however created and now existing against lands of said projects on account of said water-right charges.*

Irrigation projects.  
Buford-Trenton and Williston, N. Dak., water right charges, etc., canceled.

Vol. 32, p. 388.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to do any and all things necessary to give full effect to the provisions of this Act.

Effective action authorized.

Approved, May 26, 1926.

CHAP. 396.—An Act To amend section 220 of the Criminal Code.

May 26, 1926.  
[S. 3115.]  
[Public, No. 292.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 220 of the Criminal Code be amended to read as follows:*

Criminal Code.  
Vol. 35, p. 1132, amended.

“SEC. 220. Whoever shall forge, or counterfeit, or knowingly utter or use any forged or counterfeit postage stamp or revenue stamp of any foreign government shall be fined not more than \$500, or imprisoned not more than five years, or both: *Provided, however, That nothing in this Act shall be held to repeal or modify an Act entitled ‘An Act to allow the printing and publishing of illustrations of foreign postage and revenue stamps from defaced plates,’ approved March 3, 1923.*”

Punishment for counterfeiting foreign postage or revenue stamps.

Proviso.  
Printing as illustrations, etc., not affected.  
Vol. 42, p. 1437.

Approved, May 26, 1926.