

**CHAP. 598.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled “An Act to incorporate the American Social Science Association, and for other purposes.”

June 16, 1926.  
[S. 4094.]  
[Public, No. 399.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1 of an Act entitled “An Act to incorporate the American Social Science Association,” approved January 28, 1899, be amended by striking out the words “American Social Science Association” and substituting therefor the words “National Institute of Social Sciences” as the name of the corporation, so that as amended it shall read “National Institute of Social Sciences.”

National Institute of Social Sciences.  
Name of American Social Science Association changed to.  
Vol. 30, p. 804, amended.

That the Act be further amended by adding the following sections:

New sections.

“SEC. 4. That the National Institute of Social Sciences shall hold an annual meeting at such place in the United States as may be designated, and shall make an annual report to the Congress, to be filed with the Librarian of Congress without printing.

Annual meetings and report.

“SEC. 5. That the National Institute of Social Sciences be, and the same is hereby, authorized and empowered to receive bequests and donations of real and personal property and to hold the same in trust, and to invest and reinvest the same for the furtherance of the interests of the social sciences.”

Authorized to receive and hold real and personal property.

Approved, June 16, 1926.

**CHAP. 603.**—An Act To authorize the Postmaster General to cancel a certain screen-wagon contract, and for other purposes.

June 17, 1926.  
[S. 1930.]  
[Public, No. 400.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That if the Postmaster General finds that any formal written contract now in force for transporting the mails in the city of Tampa, in the State of Florida, in regulation screen vehicles was entered into before the present unusual expansion of business and increase in cost for such service, and that the contract price agreed to be paid for the service to be rendered thereunder is now inequitable and unjust because of the increased cost and expense occasioned the contractor in handling the unusual volume of mail incident to the expansion of business, the Postmaster General is authorized, in his discretion, with the consent of the contractor and his bondsmen, to cancel such contract.

Postal service.  
Screen wagon contract at Tampa, Fla., may be canceled.

Approved, June 17, 1926.

**CHAP. 604.**—An Act To appoint Mate John Joseph Bresnahan, United States Navy, a boatswain in the Navy.

June 17, 1926.  
[S. 3647.]  
[Public, No. 401.]

*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 be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to appoint Mate John Joseph Bresnahan, United States Navy, to the warrant grade of boatswain in the United States Navy, without regard to age or other qualifications.

Navy.  
John Joseph Bresnahan to be appointed warrant boatswain.

Approved, June 17, 1926.

**CHAP. 620.**—An Act Granting the consent of Congress for the construction of a bridge across that part of the Mississippi River known as Devils Chute, between Picayune Island and Devils Island, Alexander County, Illinois.

June 18, 1926.  
[H. R. 12203.]  
[Public, No. 402.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of Congress be, and is hereby, granted to Ernest Caldwell, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns to construct, maintain, and

Mississippi River.  
Ernest Caldwell may bridge Devils Chute in between Picayune and Devils Islands, Ill.

operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across that part of the Mississippi River lying between Picayune Island and Devils Island, known as Devils Chute, Alexander County, Illinois, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation and in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Construction.  
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Right to sell, etc.,  
conferred.

SEC. 2. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to Ernest Caldwell, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, and to any party to whom such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or who shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized to exercise the same as fully as if conferred herein directly upon such party.

Amendment.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, June 18, 1926.

June 18, 1926.

[H. R. 9210.]  
[Public, No. 403.]

**CHAP. 621.**—An Act To amend section 1 of the Act of Congress of June 6, 1924, entitled "An Act for the protection of the fisheries of Alaska, and for other purposes."

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1 of the Act of Congress of June 6, 1924, entitled "An Act for the protection of the fisheries of Alaska, and for other purposes," is amended so that it will read as follows:

"SECTION 1. That for the purpose of protecting and conserving the fisheries of the United States in all waters of Alaska the Secretary of Commerce from time to time may set apart and reserve fishing areas in any of the waters of Alaska over which the United States has jurisdiction, and within such areas may establish closed seasons during which fishing may be limited or prohibited as he may prescribe. Under this authority to limit fishing in any area so set apart and reserved the Secretary may (a) fix the size and character of nets, boats, traps, or other gear and appliances to be used therein; (b) limit the catch of fish to be taken from any area; (c) make such regulations as to time, means, methods, and extent of fishing as he may deem advisable. From and after the creation of any such fishing area and during the time fishing is prohibited therein it shall be unlawful to fish therein or to operate therein any boat, seine, trap, or other gear or apparatus for the purpose of taking fish; and from and after the creation of any such fishing area in which limited fishing is permitted such fishing shall be carried on only during the time, in the manner, to the extent, and in conformity with such rules and regulations as the Secretary prescribes under the authority herein given: *Provided*, That every such regulation made by the Secretary of Commerce shall be of general application within the particular area to which it applies, and that no exclusive or several right of fishery shall be granted therein, nor shall any citizen of the United States be denied the right to take, prepare, cure, or preserve fish or shellfish in any area of the waters of Alaska where fishing is permitted by the Secretary of Commerce. The right herein given to establish fishing areas and to permit limited fishing therein shall not apply to any creek, stream, river, or other bodies of water in which fishing is prohibited by specific provisions of this Act, but the Secretary of Commerce through the

Alaska fisheries.  
Vol. 43, p. 464, amend-  
ed.

Fishing areas in Alas-  
kan waters to be set  
apart, and closed sea-  
sons established.

Authority conferred  
upon Secretary of Com-  
merce.

Fishing in prohibited  
areas unlawful.

Restriction in limited  
fishing areas.

*Provisos.*  
Regulations of gen-  
eral application.

Exclusive rights for-  
bidden.

Limited fishing not  
permitted in prohibited  
areas.