

H. W. Bennett, a British subject, in connection with the rescue of survivors of the United States ship Cherokee, in February, 1919, as set forth in the message of the President of January 31, 1930, and there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sufficient sum to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Appropriation authorized.  
Post, p. 1583.

Approved, February 24, 1931.

**CHAP. 291.**—Joint Resolution To increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for the expenses of participation by the United States in the International Exposition of Colonial and Overseas Countries to be held at Paris, France, in 1931.

February 24, 1931.  
[H. J. Res. 416.]  
[Pub. Res., No. 122.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution for the participation of the United States in an exposition to be held at Paris, France, in 1931," approved June 24, 1930, is amended by striking out "\$250,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$300,000."*

International Exposition of Colonial and Overseas Countries.  
Additional appropriation authorized.  
Aniz, pp. 808, 888.

Approved, February 24, 1931.

**CHAP. 296.**—An Act To provide for the appointment of two additional district judges for the northern district of Illinois.

February 25, 1931.  
[S. 3614.]  
[Public, No. 727.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, two additional district judges for the United States district court for the northern district of Illinois. The judges so appointed shall reside in said district and their compensation and powers shall be the same as now provided by law for the judges of said district. A vacancy occurring at any time in the offices herein provided for is authorized to be filled.*

United States Courts.  
Illinois northern district.  
Additional judges for.  
Vol. 36, p. 1110.  
U. C. S., p. 879.

Approved, February 25, 1931.

**CHAP. 297.**—An Act To amend section 284 of the Judicial Code of the United States.

February 26, 1931.  
[S. 4425.]  
[Public, No. 728.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 284 of the Judicial Code (U. S. C., title 28, sec. 421) be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:*

Judicial Code, amendment.  
Vol. 36, p. 1165.  
U. S. C., p. 912.

"Sec. 284. No grand jury shall be summoned to attend any district court unless the judge thereof, in his own discretion or upon a notification by the district attorney that such jury will be needed, orders a venire to issue therefor. If the United States attorney for any district which has a city or borough containing at least three hundred thousand inhabitants shall certify in writing to the district judge or the senior district judge of the district that the exigencies of the public service require it, the judge may, in his discretion, also order a venire to issue, for a second grand jury: *Provided, however,* That if the United States attorney for the southern district of New York shall certify in writing to the senior district judge of said district that the exigencies of the public service require it, said judge may, in his discretion, also order a venire to issue for a third grand jury. And said court may in term order a grand jury to be summoned at such time, and to serve such time as it may direct, when-

Summoning of grand juries.

Second jury in large cities.

Proviso.  
Third jury, southern district of New York.

Additional, by order of court.

Next succeeding  
term.

Not to sit more than  
three terms.

Imprisonment be-  
fore indictment, etc.,  
not extended.

ever, in its judgment, it may be proper to do so. And the district judge or the senior district judge, as the case may be, may, upon request of the district attorney or of the grand jury or on his own motion, by order authorize any grand jury to continue to sit during the term succeeding the term at which such request is made, solely to finish investigations begun but not finished by such grand jury: *Provided, however,* That no grand jury shall be permitted to sit in all during more than three terms. But nothing herein shall operate to extend beyond the time permitted by law the imprisonment before indictment found of a person accused of a crime or offense, or the time during which a person so accused may be held under recognizance before indictment found."

Approved, February 25, 1931.

February 25, 1931.  
[S. 5114.]  
[Public, No. 729.]

**CHAP. 298.**—An Act To legalize bridges across the Staunton River at Brookneal, Route Numbered 18, Campbell County, and at Clover, Halifax County, Route Numbered 12, State of Virginia.

Staunton River.  
Bridges constructed  
across, at Brookneal  
and Clover, Va., legal-  
ized.

Maintenance.

Proviso.  
Changes in interest of  
navigation.

Amendment.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the highway bridges built by the authorities of the State of Virginia across the Staunton River at Brookneal, on Route Numbered 18, Campbell County, and at Clover, Halifax County, on Route Numbered 12, are hereby legalized and the consent of Congress is hereby given to their maintenance by the said State for the use of the general public: *Provided,* That any changes in said bridges which the Secretary of War may deem necessary and order in the interest of navigation shall be promptly made by the said State.

**SEC. 2.** That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 25, 1931.

February 25, 1931.  
[S. 5256.]  
[Public, No. 730.]

**CHAP. 299.**—An Act to extend the time for the construction of a bridge across the Chesapeake Bay.

Chesapeake Bay.  
Time extended for  
bridging, by Chesape-  
ake Bay Bridge Com-  
pany.

Vol. 44, p. 1100; Vol.  
45, p. 414.  
*Ante*, p. 39.

Amendment.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge authorized by Act of Congress approved February 15, 1927, and by Act of Congress approved April 10, 1928, to be built by the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Company, a corporation, across the Chesapeake Bay heretofore extended by Acts of Congress approved April 10, 1928, and June 21, 1929, are hereby further extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of approval hereof.

**SEC. 2.** That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 25, 1931.

February 25, 1931.  
[S. 5392.]  
[Public, No. 731.]

**CHAP. 300.**—An Act To legalize a bridge across the Pigeon River at or near Mineral Center, Minnesota.

Pigeon River.  
Bridge across at  
Mineral Center, Minn.,  
legalized.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the bridge heretofore constructed by the State of Minnesota, across the Pigeon River at or near Mineral Center, Minnesota, and located on Trunk Highway Numbered 1, connecting the State of Minnesota and the Province of Ontario, Canada, shall be a lawful structure and shall