CHAP. 171.—Joint Resolution Providing for the filing of a proximate vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution of the class other than Members of Congress.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution of the class other than Members of Congress, which will occur on January 6, 1925, by reason of the expiration of the term of Robert S. Brookings, of Missouri, be filled by the reappointment of said Robert S. Brookings for the ensuing term.

Approved, February 9, 1925.

CHAP. 172.—Joint Resolution Providing for the filling of a proximate vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution of the class other than Members of Congress.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution of the class other than Members of Congress, which will occur on February 25, 1925, by reason of the expiration of the term of George Gray, of Delaware, be filled by the reappointment of said George Gray for the ensuing term.

Approved, February 9, 1925.

CHAP. 198.—An Act To amend section 558 of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 558 of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia be amended so that it shall read as follows:

"Sec. 558. Notaries.—The President shall also have power to appoint such number of notaries public, residents of said District, or whose sole place of business or employment is located within said District, as, in his discretion, the business of the District may require: Provided, That the appointment of any person as such notary public, or the acceptance of his commission as such, or the performance of the duties thereunder, shall not disqualify or prevent such person from representing clients before any of the departments of the United States Government in the District of Columbia or elsewhere: Provided, That such person so appointed as a notary public who appears to practice or represent clients before any such department is not otherwise engaged in Government employ, and shall be admitted by the heads of such departments to practice therein in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed for other persons or attorneys who are admitted to practice therein: And provided further, That no notary public shall be authorized to take acknowledgments, administer oaths, certify papers, or perform any official acts in connection with matters in which he is employed as counsel, attorney, or agent or in which he may be in any way interested before any of the departments aforesaid."

Approved, February 10, 1925.

CHAP. 199.—An Act For the relief of Lieutenant Richard Evelyn Byrd, junior, United States Navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President