

be construed to affect, impair, surrender, waive, or defeat any claim, right, or remedy, either at law or in equity, of the United States against the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation for or on account of any debt or obligation of said company to the United States, or that hereafter may be ascertained to be due by said company to the United States, by any court of competent jurisdiction of the parties and of the subject matter in any suit now pending or that may hereafter be instituted by the United States against the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation.

Approved, February 23, 1927.

No claim against Virginia Shipbuilding Company waived, etc.

CHAP. 172.—Joint Resolution Making an appropriation for the eradication or control of the European corn borer.

February 23, 1927.

[H. J. Res. 359.]

[Pub. Res., No. 55.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to carry into effect the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the eradication or control of the European corn borer," approved February 9, 1927, including all necessary expenses for the purchase of equipment and supplies, travel, employment of persons and means in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, rent outside the District of Columbia, printing, purchase, maintenance, repair, and operation of passenger-carrying vehicles outside the District of Columbia, and for such other expenses as may be necessary for executing the purposes of such Act, there is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$10,000,000, to remain available until June 30, 1928: *Provided,* That no part of this appropriation shall be expended until all the States in the proposed control area shall have provided necessary regulatory legislation and until a sum or sums adequate in the judgment of the Secretary of Agriculture, to the cooperation of all the States in such area shall have been appropriated, subscribed, or contributed by State, county, or local authorities, or individuals or organizations: *Provided further,* That a report shall be made to Congress at the beginning of the first regular session of the Seventieth Congress setting forth in detail a classification of expenditures made from this appropriation prior to November 1, 1927.

European corn borer. Appropriation for expenses for eradicating. *Ante*, p. 1065.

Proviso. Subject to legislation, cooperation of States, any money contribution.

Report to Congress.

Approved, February 23, 1927.

CHAP. 186.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War to convey to the Association Siervas de Maria, San Juan, Porto Rico, certain property in the city of San Juan, Porto Rico.

February 23, 1927.

[H. R. 10728.]

[Public, No. 635.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to convey, by appropriate quitclaim deed, to the Association Siervas de Maria, San Juan, Porto Rico, for the sum of \$4,000, which is hereby made available for the construction of noncommissioned officers' quarters on the military reservation at San Juan, Porto Rico, which will replace the quarters now occupied by a noncommissioned officer on the land to be conveyed, the property situated in the city of San Juan, Porto Rico, and described as follows:

San Juan, Porto Rico. Land in, conveyed to Association Siervas de Maria, for construction on the military reservation.

The property located on the top of the old fortifications of San Juan and containing about six thousand square feet, and adjoining the Hospital de la Concepcion: *Provided,* That it be used exclusively for an extension to the present hospital and for no other purposes

Description.

Proviso. Use restricted, etc.

Portion retained.

and shall revert to the United States if and when it shall cease to be so used: *Provided further*, That a passage one meter in width be left along the outer wall of the fortification, to remain military property.

Approved, February 24, 1927.

February 24, 1927.

[H. R. 16775.]

[Public, No. 636.]

CHAP. 187.—An Act To limit the application of the internal-revenue tax upon passage tickets.

American Legion Convention, Paris.

Tax on passage tickets not applicable to round trips of participants in.

Ante, p. 103.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That under regulations prescribed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, the provisions of Title VIII of the Revenue Act of 1926 imposing a tax on passage tickets shall not apply to any round-trip passage ticket issued to any individual if—

Conditions. Authorized participants.

(1) Such individual is certified, by such national officer or officers of the American Legion and in such form and manner as the Commissioner of Internal Revenue may by regulations prescribe, as authorized to participate in the 1927 National Convention of the American Legion or of the American Legion Auxiliary, to be held at Paris, France; and

Designation of east-bound vessel, etc.

(2) The eastbound portion of the passage covered by the ticket is upon a vessel certified, by such national officer or officers of the American Legion and in such form and manner as the Commissioner of Internal Revenue may by regulations prescribe, as having been designated by the American Legion France Convention Committee as an official ship, and such vessel is scheduled to sail on or after June 1, 1927, and not later than September 15, 1927.

Approved, February 24, 1927.

February 24, 1927.

[H. R. 11278.]

[Public, No. 637.]

CHAP. 188.—An Act To authorize the erection of a statue of Henry Clay.

Henry Clay. Statue of, to be presented to Venezuela.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State is authorized and directed to procure, to present to the Republic of Venezuela, and to erect in the city of Caracas, Venezuela, a bronze statue of Henry Clay. Such statue shall be prepared and erected only after the plans and specifications therefor have been submitted to, and approved by, the Commission of Fine Arts, and shall be the work of an American artist.

Sum authorized for all expenses.

SEC. 2. There is authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$41,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of this Act, including the cost of such statue, of transportation, of grading the site, and of building the pedestal, expenditures for architectural services, and traveling expenses of the persons employed in erecting such statue, and of the persons delegated by the Secretary of State to present, on behalf of the United States, such statue to the Republic of Venezuela.

Approved, February 24, 1927.

February 24, 1927.

[H. R. 16576.]

[Public, No. 638.]

CHAP. 189.—An Act Making appropriations for the Departments of State and Justice and for the Judiciary, and for the Departments of Commerce and Labor, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, and for other purposes.

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