CHAP. 245.—An Act To provide for the appointment of an additional district judge for the eastern district of Michigan.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, an additional judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Approved, February 20, 1931.

CHAP. 246.—An Act To provide for special assessments for the paving of roadways and the laying of curbs and gutters.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter, whenever under the appropriations made by Congress, the roadway of any street, avenue, or road in the District of Columbia is paved or repaved with sheet asphalt, asphalt block, asphalitic or bituminous concrete (except penetration macadam), cement concrete, granite block, vitiﬁed brick, or other form of permanent pavement, one-half of the total cost thereof shall be charged against and become a lien upon the abutting property, and assessments therefor shall be levied pro rata according to the linear frontage of said property on the street, avenue, or road, or portion thereof, upon the roadway of which said new pavement or repaving is laid: Provided, however, That when such new pavement or repaving is laid solely on one side of the center line of such roadway, the one-half cost thereof shall be assessed, as herein provided, against the property abutting the side of the street, avenue, or road, or portion thereof, so improved.

Sec. 2. For the purposes of computing the assessments under this Act, the term “roadway” shall be construed to include the gutters and curbings: Provided, however, That where any permanent and new construction of curb, or curb and gutter, is laid, and the roadway of the street is not paved or repaved, or is not paved or repaved with a pavement of the character speciﬁed in section 1 hereof, the half cost of such curb, or curb and gutter, shall be assessed against the abutting property in the manner provided herein.

Sec. 3. There shall be excepted from such assessments the cost of paving the roadway in excess of forty feet in width where the new pavement or repaving is laid on both sides of the center line of such roadway; the cost of paving the roadway in excess of twenty feet in width where the new pavement or repaving is laid solely on one side of the center line of such roadway; the cost of paving the roadway space included within the intersection of streets, avenues, and roads, as said intersections are limited by lines normally projected from the building lines of the street, avenue, or road being improved at its point of intersection with the building lines of the intersecting streets, avenues, or roads and also the cost of paving or repaving the space within such roadways for which street-railway companies are responsible under their charters or under law, on streets, avenues, or roads where such railways have been or shall be constructed.

Sec. 4. The maximum linear front foot assessment levied hereunder shall not exceed $3.50 per linear front foot. The total assessment levied hereunder against any abutting property shall not exceed the number of square feet of area of said property multiplied by 1 per centum of the linear front foot assessment, and shall not exceed 20 per centum of the value of the said abutting property,