fund created by such section, as amended, shall be on the same terms and subject to the same conditions, limitations, and restrictions as are provided therein, except that such loans shall bear interest at the rate of not less than 5 1/4 per cent per annum, payable annually.

Sec. 2. Any construction, outfitting, equipment, reconditioning, remodeling, or improvement of vessels under authority of this resolution shall be only of vessels of a type and kind suitable for use as naval auxiliaries, and shall be in accordance with plans and specifications first approved by the Secretary of the Navy with particular reference to the economical conversion of such vessels into auxiliary naval vessels.

Sec. 3. The term "citizens of the United States", as used in this resolution, includes a corporation, partnership, or association only if it is a citizen of the United States within the meaning of section 2 of the Shipping Act, 1916, as amended (U.S.C., title 46, sec. 802). Approved, April 16, 1934.

[CHAPTER 154.]

AN ACT

To reduce certain fees in naturalization proceedings, 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 first paragraph of section 13 of the Naturalization Act of June 29, 1906 (34 Stat. 596), as amended (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 8, sec. 402), is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 13. That the clerk of each and every court exercising jurisdiction in naturalization cases shall charge, collect, and account for the following fees in each proceeding:

"(1) For receiving and filing a declaration of intention and the issuing of a duplicate thereof, $2.50;

"(2) For making, filing, and docketing a petition for citizenship, and issuing a certificate of citizenship if the issuance of such certificate is authorized by the court, and for the final hearing on the petition, $5."

Sec. 2. Subdivisions (b) and (c) of section 32 of the Act of June 29, 1906, and subdivision (a) of section 33 of the Act of June 29, 1906, which were added thereto by section 9 of the Act of March 2, 1929 (45 Stat. 1512), and by section 4 of the Act of May 25, 1932 (47 Stat. 165), as amended (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 8, sec. 399 b (b) and (c), and sec. 399 c (a)), are amended as follows: Wherever in said subdivisions the words "a fee of $10" occur they shall be amended to read "a fee of $5."

Sec. 3. Section 5 of the Act of March 2, 1929 (45 Stat. 1512), as amended (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 8, sec. 380 (a)), is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 5. For every certificate of arrival issued for naturalization purposes a fee of $2.50 shall be paid to the Commissioner of Naturalization, which fee shall be paid over to and deposited in the Treasury in the same manner as other naturalization fees."

Sec. 4. Subdivision (a) of section 32 of the Act of June 29, 1906, which was added thereto by section 9 of the Act of March 2, 1929 (45 Stat. 1512), as amended (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 8, sec. 399 (b) (a)), is amended as follows: Wherever in said subdivision the words "a fee of $10" occur they shall be amended to read "a fee of $1."

"Provided, That an alien veteran as defined in section 1 of the Act of May 26, 1926 (44 Stat. 654; (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 8, sec. 241(a)), shall not be required to pay the fee required by this subdivision."
Sec. 5. In all naturalization proceedings in which an alien applying for certificate of citizenship is represented by counsel, there is hereby established a limit of $25 for counsel's fees, except where legal action before a court requires extended legal service when the court may approve a reasonable fee in excess of $25.

Sec. 6. Subdivision (b) of section 1 of the Act of March 2, 1929 (45 Stat. 1513), as amended (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 8, sec. 106 (a) (b)), is amended as follows: Whenever in said subdivision the words “a fee of $20” occur they shall be amended to read “a fee of $10”.

Approved April 19, 1934.

[CHAPTER 156.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

April 20, 1934.
[No. 20.]

To provide for the reappointment of John C. Merriam as a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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, caused by the expiration of the term of John C. Merriam, of the city of Washington, on December 20, 1933, be filled by the reappointment of the recent incumbent (John C. Merriam) for the statutory term of six years.

Approved, April 20, 1934.

[CHAPTER 157.]

AN ACT

April 21, 1934.
[No. 169.]

To place the cotton industry on a sound commercial basis, to prevent unfair competition and practices in putting cotton into the channels of interstate and foreign commerce, to provide funds for paying additional benefits under the Agricultural Adjustment Act, and for other purposes.

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

DECLARATION OF POLICY

That in order to relieve the present acute economic emergency in that part of the agricultural industry devoted to cotton production and marketing by diminishing the disparity between prices paid to cotton producers and persons engaged in cotton marketing and prices of other commodities and by restoring purchasing power to such producers and persons so that the restoration of the normal exchange in interstate and foreign commerce of all commodities may be fostered, and to raise revenue to enable the payment of additional benefits to cotton producers under the Agricultural Adjustment Act—

It is hereby declared to be the policy of Congress to promote the orderly marketing of cotton in interstate and foreign commerce; to enable producers of such commodity to stabilize their markets against undue and excessive fluctuations, and to preserve advantageous markets for such commodity, and to prevent unfair competition and practices in putting cotton into the channels of interstate and foreign commerce, and to more effectively balance production and consumption of cotton.