[CHAPTER 214.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the Librarian of Congress to accept the property devised and bequeathed to the United States of America by the last will and testament of Joseph Pennell, deceased.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Librarian of Congress, with the advice and consent of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library, is hereby authorized to accept, on behalf of the United States, the property devised and bequeathed to the United States by the last will and testament of Joseph Pennell, deceased (which will was admitted to probate by the register for the probate of wills and granting of letters of administration in and for the city and county of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the 24th day of June 1926), upon the terms and conditions set forth in the said will, if, in their judgment, such acceptance would be to the best interests of the Library.

SEC. 2. Should the property be accepted pursuant to the authority hereinbefore granted, the Librarian of Congress is hereby authorized and directed to do all acts necessary in connection therewith: Provided, however, That the Librarian of Congress shall transfer the assets of the “Pennell Fund” (as designated in the said will), to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for administration by the said Board.

Approved, April 13, 1936.

[CHAPTER 215.]

AN ACT

To create a commission and to extend further relief to water users on United States reclamation projects and on Indian irrigation projects.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby created a commission to be composed of three members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, two from the personnel of the Department of the Interior, and one who shall be a landowner and water user under a United States reclamation project. The commission is authorized and directed to investigate the financial and economic condition of the various United States reclamation projects, with particular reference to the ability of each such project to make payments of water-right charges without undue burden on the water users, district, association, or other reclamation organization liable for such charges. Such investigation shall include an examination and consideration of any statement filed with the commission, or the Department of the Interior, by any such district, association, or other reclamation organization, or the water users thereof, and, where requested by any such district, association, or other reclamation organization, said commission shall proceed to such project and hold hearings, the proceedings of which shall be reduced to writing and filed with its report. Said commission, after having made careful investigation and study of the financial and economic condition of the various United States reclamation projects and their probable present and future ability to meet such water-right charges, shall report to the Congress, at the beginning of the Seventy-fifth Congress, with its recommendations as to the best, most feasible, and practicable comprehensive permanent plan for such water-right payments, with due consideration for the development and carrying on of the reclamation program of
the United States, and having particularly in mind the probable
ability of such water users, districts, associations, or other reclamation
organizations to meet such water-right charges regularly and
faithfully from year to year, during periods of prosperity and good
prices for agricultural products as well as during periods of decline
in agricultural income and unsatisfactory conditions of agriculture.

Sec. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of
any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
$5,000, which shall be available for expenditure, as the Secretary
of the Interior may direct, for expenses and all necessary disburse-
ments, including salaries, in carrying out the provisions of this Act.
The commission is authorized to appoint and fix the compensation
of such employees as may be necessary for carrying out its functions
under this Act without regard to civil-service laws or the Classi-
fication Act of 1923, as amended.

Sec. 3. That all the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to
further extend relief to water users on the United States reclamation
projects and on Indian irrigation projects", approved June 13, 1935,
are hereby further extended for the period of one year, so far as
concerns 50 per centum of the construction charges, for the calendar
year 1936: Provided, however, That where the construction charge
for the calendar year 1936 is payable in two installments the sum
hereby extended shall be the amount due as the first of such install-
ments. If payable in one installment, the due date for the 50 per
centum to be paid shall not be changed.

Approved, April 14, 1936.

[CHAPTER 228.]

AN ACT

To amend section 21 of the Act approved June 5, 1920, entitled "An Act to
provide for the promotion and maintenance of the American merchant marine,
to repeal certain emergency legislation and provide for the disposition, regu-
lation, and use of property acquired thereunder, and for other purposes", as
applied to the Virgin Islands of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 21 of
the Act approved June 5, 1920 (41 Stat. L. 997), entitled "An Act
to provide for the promotion and maintenance of the American
merchant marine, to repeal certain emergency legislation and provide
for the disposition, regulation, and use of property acquired there-
under, and for other purposes", is hereby amended by adding thereto
the following proviso: "And provided further, That the coastwise
laws of the United States shall not extend to the Virgin Islands of
the United States until the President of the United States shall,
by proclamation, declare that such coastwise laws shall extend to the
Virgin Islands and fix a date for the going into effect of same."

Approved, April 16, 1936.

[CHAPTER 229.]

AN ACT

Relating to the carriage of goods by sea.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That every bill of
lading or similar document of title which is evidence of a contract
for the carriage of goods by sea to or from ports of the United
States, in foreign trade, shall have effect subject to the provisions
of this Act.

Approved, April 16, 1936.