[CHAPTER 557.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the President to invite foreign countries to participate in the San Francisco Bay Exposition in 1939 at San Francisco, California.

Whereas there is to be held at San Francisco, California, during the year 1939 an international exposition which has for its purpose the celebration of the completion of the San Francisco-Oakland Bridge and the Golden Gate Bridge, and which is designed to depict and exhibit the progress and accomplishments of the Pacific area of the United States in science, industry, business, transportation, and culture, and which, because of its world character, will contribute to cordial relations among the nations of the world; and

Whereas, because of its location and purpose, its scope and aims, said exposition is deserving of the support and encouragement of the Government of the United States of America: Therefore be it

Resolved 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 respectfully requested by proclamation, or in such manner as he may deem proper, to invite foreign countries and nations to such proposed exposition with a request that they participate therein.

Approved, June 15, 1936.

[CHAPTER 581.]

AN ACT

Amending the Shipping Act, 1916, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 16 of the Shipping Act, 1916, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, section 815), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 16. That it shall be unlawful for any shipper, consignee, or other person, or any officer, agent, or employee thereof, knowingly and willfully, directly or indirectly, by means of false billing, false classification, false weighing, false report of weight, or by any other unjust or unfair device or means to obtain or attempt to obtain transportation by water for property at less than the rates or charges which would otherwise be applicable.

"That it shall be unlawful for any common carrier by water, or other person subject to this Act, either alone or in conjunction with any other person, directly or indirectly—

"First. To make or give any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to any particular person, locality, or description of traffic in any respect whatsoever, or to subject any particular person, locality, or description of traffic to any undue or unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage in any respect whatsoever.

"Second. To allow any person to obtain transportation for property at less than the regular rates or charges then established and enforced on the line of such carrier by means of false billing, false classification, false weighing, false report of weight, or by any other unjust or unfair device or means.

"Third. To induce, persuade, or otherwise influence any marine insurance company or underwriter, or agent thereof, not to give a competing carrier by water as favorable a rate of insurance on vessel
or cargo, having due regard to the class of vessel or cargo, as is granted to such carrier or other person subject to this Act.

"Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000 for each offense."

Approved, June 16, 1936.

[CHAPTER 582.]

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Aid Highway Act, approved July 11, 1916, as amended and supplemented, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to provide that the United States shall aid the States in the construction of rural post roads, and for other purposes", approved July 11, 1916, and all Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the following sums, to be expended according to the provisions of such Act as amended: The sum of $125,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, and the sum of $125,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939.

(a) All sums authorized in this section and apportioned to the States shall be available for expenditure for one year after the close of the fiscal year for which said sums, respectively, are authorized, and any sum remaining unexpended at the end of the period during which it is available for expenditure shall be reapportioned among the States as provided in section 21 of the Federal Highway Act of 1921 (42 Stat. 212).

(b) On or before January 1 of each year, the Secretary of Agriculture shall apportion among the several States, as provided in section 21 of the Federal Highway Act of 1921, the sums authorized for the fiscal year immediately following. When said apportionment has been made for any fiscal year, the State highway departments may submit projects to the Secretary of Agriculture for his approval. The Secretary of Agriculture shall act upon projects submitted to him under any such apportionment and his approval of any such project shall be deemed a contractual obligation of the Federal Government for the payment of its proportional contribution thereto: Provided, That projects approved under any apportionment before the beginning of the fiscal year for which such apportionment has been made may be contracted for by the States and construction thereon may be begun, but the total reimbursements to any State or Territory before the beginning of such fiscal year shall not exceed the total of all previous apportionments to such State or Territory.

(c) The term "highway" as defined in the Federal Highway Act, approved November 9, 1921, as amended and supplemented, shall be deemed to include such main parkways as may be designated by the State and approved by the Secretary of Agriculture as part of the Federal-aid highway system.

(d) If within the fiscal years 1936 or 1937 the Secretary of Agriculture shall find with respect to any State that the proceeds of all special taxes on motor-vehicle transportation, as referred to in section 12 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 993), are applied to highway purposes as defined in said section and shall further find that after having so applied such proceeds to such highway purposes other than construction there will be insufficient balance

Penalty for violation.