

AUTHORIZING REAR ADMIRAL ALBERT P. NIBLACK, UNITED STATES NAVY, RETIRED, TO ACCEPT CERTAIN DECORATIONS FROM THE PRINCIPALITY OF MONACO AND FROM THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK

FEBRUARY 2, 1927.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed

Mr. MAGEE of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 15916]

The Committee on Naval Affairs of the House of Representatives, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 15916) to authorize Rear Admiral Albert P. Niblack, United States Navy, retired, to accept certain decorations from the Principality of Monaco and from the Kingdom of Denmark, having had the same under consideration, report favorably thereon, and without amendment recommend that that the bill do pass.

The bill meets with the approval of the Navy Department, as shown by the following letter from the Secretary of the Navy addressed to the chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs of the House of Representatives, which is hereby made a part of this report:

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 14, 1927.

The CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Replying further to the committee's letter of January 6, 1927, transmitting copy of the bill (H. R. 15916) to authorize Rear Admiral Albert P. Niblack, United States Navy, retired, to accept certain decorations from the Principality of Monaco and from the Kingdom of Denmark, and requesting the views and recommendations of the Navy Department thereon, I have the honor to advise you that the Navy Department has no objection to the enactment of this proposed legislation.

Sincerely yours,

CURTIS D. WILBUR, *Secretary of the Navy.*

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE
IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
PASSED MARCH 1, 1898

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MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
favorable report of the Commission on Naval Affairs

REPORT

COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

The Commission on Naval Affairs, created by the House of Representatives
on March 1, 1898, has the honor to report to you the results of its
investigation into the question of the disposal of the public lands
under the control of the General Land Office, and to recommend
certain changes in the present law governing the disposal of these
lands, which it believes will be for the benefit of the Nation.
The Commission was organized on March 1, 1898, and has since that
time held numerous public hearings, and has received many suggestions
from the public, and from the various departments of the Government,
which have been carefully considered. The Commission has also
conducted extensive research into the question, and has prepared
this report as a basis for the proposed legislation.

The Commission believes that the present law governing the disposal
of the public lands is defective in many respects, and that certain
changes are necessary to bring it into line with the public interest.
The Commission recommends that the following changes be made in
the present law: First, that the power of disposal of the public lands
be vested in the Secretary of the Interior, and that he be authorized
to sell the same at public auction, or to lease them for a term of years,
or to grant them in fee simple, as he may deem proper. Second, that
the proceeds of the sale of the public lands be paid into the Treasury,
and that the same be used for the benefit of the Nation. Third, that
the Commission be authorized to make such investigations and reports
as it may deem proper, and that it be authorized to employ such
agents and assistants as it may deem necessary. The Commission
believes that these changes will be for the benefit of the Nation,
and that they will result in a more efficient and economical
disposal of the public lands.