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[No. 4.] Joint resolution authorizing payment of employees of the House of Representatives their salaries for time served by them during the present session of Congress, without having taken the oath prescribed by law. Dec. 15, 1877.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the employees of the House of Representatives who have served during the present session of Congress, and who have not taken the oath prescribed by law, shall be paid their respective salaries out of the fund already appropriated for such service. House employees; pay of.

Approved, December 15, 1877.

[No. 6] Joint resolution filling an existing vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Jan. 26, 1878.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the existing vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution of the class other than members of Congress shall be filled by the appointment of Noah Porter, of Connecticut, in place of James B. Dana, resigned. Noah Porter appointed Regent of Smithsonian Institution.

Approved, January 26, 1878.

[No. 8.] Joint resolution accepting a painting tendered to Congress by Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson. Feb. 1, 1878.

Whereas, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson of New York City, has tendered to Congress, Carpenter's painting of President Lincoln and his cabinet at the time of his first reading of the Proclamation of Emancipation: Therefore, Preamble.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That said painting is hereby accepted in the name of the people of the United States; and the thanks of Congress are tendered to the donor for her generous and patriotic gift. Lincoln and his Cabinet; picture accepted.

And be it further resolved, That the Joint Committee on the Library are hereby instructed to make arrangements for the formal presentation of said painting to Congress, on Tuesday, the twelfth of February next; and said committee shall cause said painting to be placed in an appropriate and conspicuous place in the Capitol, and shall carefully provide for its preservation. To be placed in Capitol.

And be it further resolved, That the President is requested to cause a copy of these resolutions to be forwarded to Mrs. Thompson. Copy of resolutions to donor.

Approved, February 1, 1878.

[No. 9.] Joint resolution extending the thanks of Congress to Henry M. Stanley. Feb. 7, 1878.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That regarding with just pride the achievements of their countryman, Henry M. Stanley, the distinguished explorer of Central Africa, the thanks of the people of the United States, are eminently due and are hereby tendered to him, as a tribute to his extraordinary patience, prudence, fortitude, enterprise, courage and capacity, in solving, by his researches many of the most important geographical problems of our age and globe, problems of a continental scope, involving the progress of our kind in commerce, science and civilization. Henry M. Stanley; vote of thanks to.

Approved, February 7, 1878.