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authorize and appropriate the use of funds apportioned to Durant, Oklahoma, for the construction and equipment of a United States post office and other Government offices at Durant, Oklahoma.

Approved, October 6, 1917.

October 6, 1917.
[H. R. 6175.]
[Public, No. 73.]

CHAP. 88.—An Act Giving the United States Shipping Board power to suspend present provisions of law and permit vessels of foreign registry and foreign-built vessels admitted to American registry under the Act of August eighteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, to engage in the coastwise trade during the present war and for a period of one hundred and twenty days thereafter, except the coastwise trade with Alaska.

Shipping.
Coastwise trade permitted to registered foreign-built vessels, etc., during the war.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That during the present war with Germany and for a period of one hundred and twenty days thereafter the United States Shipping Board may, if in its judgment the interests of the United States require, suspend the present provisions of law and permit vessels of foreign registry, and foreign-built vessels admitted to American registry under the Act of August eighteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, to engage in the coastwise trade of the United States: *Provided*, That no such vessel shall engage in the coastwise trade except upon a permit issued by the United States Shipping Board, which permit shall limit or define the scope of the trade and the time of such employment: *Provided further*, That in issuing permits the board shall give preference to vessels of foreign registry owned, leased, or chartered by citizens of the United States or corporations thereof: *And provided further*, That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to the coastwise trade with Alaska or between Alaskan ports.

Vol. 37, p. 562; Vol. 38, p. 698.

Provisos.
Permits required.

Preference to American owned, etc.

Alaska trade not included.

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[H. R. 6306.]
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CHAP. 89.—An Act To provide for the payment of six months' gratuity to the widow, children, or other previously designated dependent relative of retired officers or enlisted men on active duty.

Navy.
Six months' gratuity to beneficiaries of officers, etc., dying in service extended to retired officers, etc., on active duty in the war.
Vol. 37, p. 329, amended.
Vol. 38, p. 938.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the paragraph of the Act approved August twenty-second, nineteen hundred and twelve, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the Naval Service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and for other purposes," as amended by the Act of March third, nineteen hundred and fifteen, which provides for the payment of six months' gratuity to the widow or children or other previously designated dependent relative of a deceased officer or enlisted man on the active list of the Navy and Marine Corps, be, and the same is hereby, amended by inserting after the words "on the active list of the Navy or Marine Corps" a comma and the words "or of any retired officer or enlisted man serving on active duty during the continuance of the present war."

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[H. R. 6310.]
[Public, No. 75.]

CHAP. 90.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the Trumbull Steel Company, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mahoning River, in the State of Ohio.

Mahoning River.
Trumbull Steel Company may bridge, Warren, Ohio.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Trumbull Steel Company and its