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expenses of said proceeding, be in excess of the total amount of benefits, it shall be optional with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to abide by the verdict of the jury or, at any time before the final ratification and confirmation of the verdict, to enter a voluntary dismissal of the cause.

Amount authorized for expenses and award.

SEC. 2. That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of the revenues of the District of Columbia such sums as may be necessary from time to time to pay the costs and expenses of the condemnation proceedings instituted under the authority of this Act and for the payment of the amounts awarded as damages, the amounts collected as benefits to be covered into the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the revenues of the District of Columbia: *Provided, however*, That if the total amount of damages awarded by the jury in any such proceeding, plus the costs and expenses of said proceedings, be in excess of the total amount of assessments for benefits, such excess shall be paid out of the appropriation herein authorized.

Proviso.
Payment if award for damages exceeds assessment for benefits.
Post, p. 846.

Approved, May 28, 1926.

May 28, 1926.
[S. 2730.]
[Public, No. 312.]

CHAP. 419.—An Act To amend section 1155 of an Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1155 of "An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia," approved March 3, 1901, be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the following words contained in said section 1155:

District of Columbia Code.
Vol. 31, p. 1374, amended.
Proviso stricken out.

"*Provided*, That no married woman shall have power to make any contract as surety or guarantor or as accommodation drawer, acceptor, maker, or indorser."

Limit on power of married woman as surety, etc.

Approved, May 28, 1926.

May 28, 1926.
[H. J. Res. 139.]
[Pub. Res., No. 33.]

CHAP. 420.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the construction of a Government dock or wharf at Juneau, Alaska.

Juneau, Alaska.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following work of improvement is hereby adopted and authorized to be prosecuted under the direction of the Board of Road Commissioners for Alaska, in accordance with the plans recommended in the report hereinafter designated:

Construction of dock at, authorized.
Post, p. 1142.

Dock or wharf at Juneau, Alaska, in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered 561, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document: *Provided*, That the sum authorized to be so expended shall not exceed the sum of $22,500.

Proviso.
Limit of amount.

Approved, May 28, 1926.

May 29, 1926.
[H. R. 5683.]
[Public, No. 313.]

CHAP. 423.—An Act Authorizing the appropriation of $2,500 for the erection of a tablet or marker at Sir Walter Raleigh Fort on Roanoke Island, North Carolina, to Virginia Dare, the first child of English parentage to be born in America.

Roanoke Island, N. C.
Tablet authorized at Sir Walter Raleigh Fort on, the birthplace of Virginia Dare.
Post, p. 877.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of $2,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated to be expended, under the direction of the Secretary of War, in the erection of a tablet or marker at Sir Walter