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of the United States, an associate justice of the United States to be designated by the Supreme Court of the United States, the chairman and the ranking minority member of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds of the Senate, the chairman and the ranking minority member of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds of the House of Representatives, and the Architect of the Capitol. Notwithstanding the expiration of a Congress, any Representative who is a member of the commission, if reelected, shall continue to serve thereon until a successor is selected by the House of Representatives. The Architect of the Capitol shall serve as executive officer of the commission and shall perform such services under this Act as the commission may direct.

Creation and composition of.

Executive officer.

SEC. 2. The commission is authorized to procure, by contract or otherwise, preliminary plans and estimates of costs for the construction, and the furnishing and equipping, of a suitable building (including approaches, connections with the Capitol power plant, and architectural landscape treatment of the grounds), for the accommodation and exclusive use of the Supreme Court of the United States; such building to be erected upon the site heretofore acquired for that purpose, and such building to be so situated, and the exterior thereof to be of such type of architecture and material, as to harmonize with the present buildings of the Capitol group. The amount to be expended in procuring such plans and estimates shall be determined by the commission, but shall be within the limits of appropriations made therefor, and shall be disbursed by the disbursing officer of the Department of the Interior, under the direction of the executive officer of the commission. The commission shall make a report to the Congress on or before March 1, 1929, including a detailed statement of such plans and estimates of costs.

Commission to procure preliminary plans, estimates, etc., for building for the Supreme Court, on acquired site.

Vol. 44, pp. 631, 1254.

Limit of expense.

Report by March 1, 1929.
Post, p. 1261.

SEC. 3. There is authorized to be appropriated the sum of $10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of section 2.

Sum authorized.
Post, p. 1609.

Approved, December 21, 1928.

CHAP. 45.—Joint Resolution Limiting the operation of sections 198 and 203 of title 18 of the Code of Laws of the United States.

December 21, 1928.
[S. J. Res. 167.]
[Pub. Res., No. 73.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That nothing in sections 198 or 203 of title 18 of the Code of Laws of the United States (sections 109 and 113, Criminal Code) or any other Act of Congress forbidding any person in the employ of the United States or acting in any official capacity under them from acting as agent or attorney for another before any department or branch of the Government or from receiving pay for so acting shall be deemed to apply to counsel serving under the provisions of S. J. Res. 54, Sixty-eighth Congress, first session, approved February 8, 1924.

Counsel in suits to cancel naval oil leases.
Removal of prohibition against employment of, in claims, etc.
Vol. 35, pp. 1107, 1109.
U. S. Code, pp. 474, 475.
Vol. 43, p. 6.

Approved, December 21, 1928.

CHAP. 46.—Joint Resolution For the relief of Porto Rico.

December 21, 1928.
[H. J. Res. 352.]
[Pub. Res., No. 74.]

Whereas the island of Porto Rico is suffering from the effects of a violent hurricane of extraordinary intensity, unusual duration, and unexampled violence which visited the island on September 13 and 14, 1928; and

Porto Rico hurricane.
Preamble.

Whereas no part of the island escaped suffering some damage; and