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weight, and fineness and of a special appropriate design to be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, but the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the models for master dies or other preparations for this coinage.

No Federal expense for dies, etc.

SEC. 2. That the coins herein authorized shall be issued at par and only upon the request of the chairman or secretary of the Connecticut Tercentenary Commission.

Issue at par to Connecticut Tercentenary Commission.

SEC. 3. Such coins may be disposed of at par or at a premium by said Commission and all proceeds shall be used in furtherance of the Connecticut Tercentenary Commission projects.

Disposal of; use of proceeds.

SEC. 4. That all laws now in force relating to the subsidiary silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same; regulating and guarding the process of coinage; providing for the purchase of material, and for the transportation, distribution, and redemption of the coins; for the prevention of debasement or counterfeiting; for security of the coin; or for any other purposes, whether said laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage herein directed.

Coinage laws applicable.

Approved, June 21, 1934.

[CHAPTER 696.]

AN ACT

To provide for the construction and operation of a vessel for use in research work with respect to ocean fisheries.

June 21, 1934.
[H.R. 8930.]
[Public, No. 447.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, when funds are made available as authorized by section 2 of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized and directed (1) to cause plans and specifications to be prepared for the construction and equipment of a vessel for use in such research work with respect to ocean fisheries as the Secretary finds will be useful to persons engaged in the fishing industry; and (2) to contract for the construction and equipment of such vessel. Such vessel shall be maintained and operated under the supervision of the Secretary of Commerce.

Fisheries Bureau, Department of Commerce.
Construction, etc., of vessel for research work, authorized.
Supervision.

SEC. 2. There is authorized to be appropriated $500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes of the first sentence of section 1 of this Act.

Amount authorized.

Approved, June 21, 1934.

[CHAPTER 709.]

AN ACT

To amend the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, and for other purposes.

June 22, 1934.
[S. 2702.]
[Public, No. 448.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (c) of section 12 of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended (U.S.C., Supp. VII, title 5, sec. 702a(c)), is amended to read as follows:

Civil Service Retirement Act of 1930, amended.
Vol. 44, p. 476.
U.S.C., Supp. VII, p. 50.

"(c) In case an annuitant shall die without having received in annuities purchased by the employee's contributions as provided in (2) of section 4 of this Act an amount equal to the total amount to his credit at time of retirement, the amount remaining to his credit and any accrued annuity shall be paid, upon the establishment of a valid claim therefor, in the following order of precedence:

Annuitant dying before receiving amounts to his credit.

Payments; order of precedence.

"First, to the beneficiary or beneficiaries designated in writing by such annuitant and recorded on his individual account;