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[CHAPTER 523.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

June 14, 1934.
[H.J.Res. 340.]
[Pub. Res., No. 31.]

To harmonize the treaties and statutes of the United States with reference to American Samoa.

Samoan Islands.
Tripartite convention of 1899.
Vol. 31, p. 1879.

Whereas the convention relating to the Samoan Islands, signed by the United States, Great Britain, and Germany on December 2, 1899, was proclaimed by the President of the United States on February 16, 1900, and continues to be in force; and

Whereas article 3 of the said convention is word for word as follows:

Equal rights among signatories.

"It is understood and agreed that each of the three signatory powers shall continue to enjoy, in respect to their commerce and commercial vessels, in all the islands of the Samoan group privileges and conditions equal to those enjoyed by the sovereign power, in all ports which may be open to the commerce of either of them."

Therefore be it

Coastwise shipping laws not applicable to American Samoa, etc.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of law of the United States restricting to vessels of the United States the transportation of passengers and merchandise directly or indirectly from any port of the United States to another port of the United States shall not be applicable to commerce beween[1] the islands of American Samoa or between those islands and other ports under the jurisdiction of the United States.

Approved, June 14, 1934.

[CHAPTER 536.]

AN ACT

June 15, 1934.
[S. 2714.]
[Public, No. 354.]

To amend section 895 of the Code of Law of the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia, harbor regulations.
Authority vested in Commissioners to make.
Vol. 31, p. 1335, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, vested with authority to make harbor regulations for the entire waterfront of the city within the District of Columbia, to alter and amend the same from time to time as they may find necessary: *Provided*, That whenever these regulations affect navigable waters, channels, and anchorage areas or other interests of the United States, such regulations shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War: *And provided further*, That whenever said regulations affect the waterfront within the District of Columbia under the jurisdiction of the Director of National Parks, Buildings, and Reservations, or affect the interests and rights of the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, such regulations shall be subject to prior approval of the respective agencies.

Provisos.
Federal approval, if affecting navigable waters.

Park, etc., waterfronts.

Approved, June 15, 1934.

[CHAPTER 537.]

AN ACT

June 15, 1934.
[H.R. 6675]
[Public, No. 355.]

To authorize the acknowledgment of oaths by post-office inspectors and by chief clerks of the Railway Mail Service.

Railway Mail Service.
Post office inspectors, chief clerks, etc., authorized to administer oaths.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That post-office inspectors are empowered and authorized with like force and effect as officers having a seal to administer oaths required or authorized by law or regulation promulgated thereunder in respect of any matter coming before them in the performance of their official duties and

[1] So in original.