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Acceptance of contributions, etc.

SEC. 7. The commissioner with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce may receive contributions in funds or materials or borrow materials or exhibits to aid in carrying out the general purposes of this resolution, and shall have the right to return borrowed property, and dispose of such other property under the direction of the Secretary of Commerce and to account therefor, the proceeds of such sales shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States.

Reports.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of Commerce to transmit to Congress, within six months after the close of the Pan American Exposition, a detailed statement of all expenditures, and such other reports as may be deemed proper which reports shall be prepared and arranged with a view to concise statement and convenient reference.

Approved, August 26, 1937.

[CHAPTER 817]

JOINT RESOLUTION

August 26, 1937
[S. J. Res. 186]
[Pub. Res., No. 73]

Providing for the participation of the United States in the continuing international exposition to be known as Pacific Mercado, to be held in the city of Los Angeles, California, commencing in the year 1940, and in the year 1942 commemorating the landing of Cabrillo, and for other reasons.

Pacific Mercado (International Exposition), Los Angeles, Calif., 1940.
Preamble.

Whereas there is to be held in the city of Los Angeles, State of California, commencing in the year 1940, a continuing international exposition to be known as the Pacific Mercado, designed to promote closer relations and better understandings among the countries and nations of the world, through the furtherance of trade, industry, and cultural arts, by gathering, arranging, and exhibiting the varied cultures of such countries and nations and the origins, progress, and accomplishments in science, the arts, education, industry, business, and transportation of such countries and nations, and by other appropriate means; and

Whereas there is to be held in said city, in the year 1942, in connection with said Pacific Mercado, a world's fair commemorating the landing of Cabrillo; and

Whereas the holding of said Pacific Mercado and, in conjunction therewith, said world's fair, will further the purposes of certain conventions and treaties signed at the Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Peace, held in the city of Buenos Aires, capital of the Argentine Republic, in December 1936; and

Whereas the city of Los Angeles, by amendment to its charter, approved by the electors of said city and by the Legislature of the State of California, has been authorized to issue, through its department of water and power, bonds for the acquisition of a site for such continuing international exposition and world's fair; and

Whereas the State of California on May 21, 1937, enacted Assembly Joint Resolution Numbered 47, chapter 106, memorializing the President of the United States to extend to the governments and dominions of the world invitations to participate in the Pacific Mercado in 1940 (reference Congressional Record, May 26, 1937, pages 6572 and 6573); and

Whereas the State of California on May 25, 1937, appropriated $1,500,000 for the State's participation in the Pacific Mercado and exposition; and

Whereas such continuing international exposition and world's fair are worthy and deserving of the support and encouragement of the United States, and the United States has aided and encouraged such world's fair and celebrations in the past: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Government of the United States hereby extends its official recognition to the Pacific Mercado (International Exposition) and authorizes the executive departments, independent establishments, and agencies of the Government to participate therein. Any expense incurred by such participation is to be met from any funds which may legally be used for that purpose and which may be available to such executive departments, independent establishments, or agencies.

Official recognition extended.

Government agencies authorized to participate.

Payment of incurred expenses.

SEC. 2. That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and respectfully requested by proclamation, or in such manner as he may deem proper, to invite foreign countries to such proposed Pacific Mercado (International Exposition) and to such proposed world's fair to be held in connection therewith, with a request that they participate therein.

President requested to invite foreign countries to participate.

Approved, August 26, 1937.

[CHAPTER 818]

AN ACT

August 26, 1937
[S. 29]
[Public, No. 378]

To require certain common carriers by railroad to install and maintain certain appliances, methods, and systems intended to promote the safety of employees and travelers on railroads, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 26 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 ed., title 49, sec. 26), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Interstate Commerce Act, amendments.
41 Stat. 498.
49 U. S. C. § 26.

"SEC. 26. (a) The term 'carrier' as used in this section includes any carrier by railroad subject to this part (including any terminal or station company), and any receiver or any other individual or body, judicial or otherwise, when in the possession of the business of a carrier subject to this section: *Provided, however*, That the term 'carrier' shall not include any street, interurban, or suburban electric railway unless such railway is operated as a part of a general steam-railroad system of transportation, but shall not exclude any part of a general steam-railroad system of transportation now or hereafter operated by any other motive power.

"Carrier" construed.

Proviso.
Street, interurban, or suburban electric railways.

"(b) That the Commission may, after investigation, if found necessary in the public interest, order any carrier within a time specified in the order, to install the block signal system, interlocking, automatic train stop, train control, and/or cab-signal devices, and/or other similar appliances, methods, and systems intended to promote the safety of railroad operation, which comply with specifications and requirements prescribed by the Commission, upon the whole or any part of its railroad such order to be issued and published a reasonable time (as determined by the Commission) in advance of the date for its fulfillment: *Provided*, That block signal systems, interlocking, automatic train stop, train control, and cab-signal devices in use on the date of the enactment of this amendatory provision or such systems or devices hereinafter installed may not be discontinued or materially modified by carriers without the approval of the Commission: *Provided further*, That a carrier shall not be held to be negligent because of its failure to install such systems, devices, appliances, or methods upon a portion of its railroad not included in the order, and any action arising because of an accident occurring upon such portion of its railroad shall be determined without consideration of the use of such systems, devices, appliances, or methods upon another portion of its railroad.

Safety devices.
Installation of certain, upon order of Commission.

Provisos.
Existing systems, etc.

Limit of carrier's liability.