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York shall have taken the necessary action to do so, the state of New York shall be a party to this compact for the purpose of controlling and abating the pollution of waterways common to New York and the New England states signatory to this compact but excluding the waters under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Sanitation Commission (New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut).

"ARTICLE XI

"This compact shall become effective immediately upon the adoption of the compact by any two contiguous states of New England but only in so far as applies to those states and upon approval by Federal law. Thereafter upon ratification by other contiguous states, it shall also become effective as to those states." Effectivity.

SEC. 2. Without further submission of the compact, the consent of Congress is given to the States of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, and to the State of New York pursuant to article X of the compact, to enter into the compact as a signatory State and party thereto. Consent of Congress to designated States.

SEC. 3. Nothing contained in this Act or in the compact herein approved shall be construed as impairing or affecting the sovereignty of the United States or any of its rights or jurisdiction in and over the area or waters which are the subject of the compact. Rights, etc., of U. S.

SEC. 4. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved.

Approved July 31, 1947.

[CHAPTER 408]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Amending Public Law 27, Eightieth Congress.

July 31, 1947
[H. J. Res. 245]
[Public Law 293]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of Public Law 27, Eightieth Congress, approved March 31, 1947, is hereby amended to read as follows: U. S. Coast Guard.
Ante, p. 33.

"SEC. 2. The authority granted by this resolution shall remain in force only until April 1, 1948: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the Commandant, United States Coast Guard, to grant waivers for the employment of alien seamen except for those who served between December 7, 1941, and September 2, 1945, aboard vessels operated by the War Shipping Administration, the United States Maritime Commission, or the Army Transport Service." Time limitation.
Waivers for employment of alien seamen.

Approved July 31, 1947.

[CHAPTER 409]

AN ACT

For the relief of Willie P. Goodwin, J. M. Thorud, and W. H. Stokley.

July 31, 1947
[H. R. 1648]
[Public Law 294]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster General is authorized and directed to issue per diem orders retroactively to cover per diem payments that have been made or will be made to postal employees detailed to postal units, camps, posts, or stations handling military mail, or to civilian plants devoted to war production at rates not to exceed that provided and authorized by the Act of December 7, 1945 (59 Stat. 603). Postal service.
Per diem payments to designated employees.
39 U. S. C. § 133 note.

SEC. 2. In the audit and settlement of the accounts of postmasters and other designated disbursing officers of the Post Office Department Credit in accounts.