shall not become effective until six months after the date of the action taken by the legislature or governor. Notice of such action shall be given to the other party State or States by the secretary of state of the party State which takes such action.

SEC. 2. Without further submission of the compact, the consent of Congress is given to any State to become a party to it in accordance with its terms.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved.

Approved August 14, 1958.

Public Law 85-654

AN ACT

August 14, 1958
[S. 3499]

To amend the vessel admeasurement laws relating to water ballast spaces.

Vessels.
Water ballast spaces.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subdivision (i) of section 4153 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (46 U. S. C. 77 (i)), is further amended by inserting after "cargo" where it appears in the last sentence of the fifth paragraph of subdivision (i) the parenthetical phrase "(other than ballast water for use for underwater drilling, mining, and related purposes, including production)"; so that the last sentence will read as follows: "From the gross tonnage there shall be deducted any other space adapted only for water ballast certified by the collector not to be available for the carriage of cargo (other than ballast water for use for underwater drilling, mining, and related purposes, including production), stores, supplies, or fuel."

Approved August 14, 1958.

Public Law 85-655

AN ACT

August 14, 1958
[H. R. 5322]

To extend certain veterans' benefits to or on behalf of dependent husbands and widowers of female veterans.

Veterans.
71 Stat. 88.
38 U S C 2101-2106.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title I of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"DEPENDENT HUSBANDS

"SEC. 107. For the purposes of all laws administered by the Veterans' Administration, (1) the term 'wife' includes the husband of any female veteran if such husband is incapable of self-maintenance and is permanently incapable of self-support due to physical or mental disability, and (2) the term 'widow' includes the widower of any female veteran if such widower is incapable of self-maintenance and was permanently incapable of self-support due to physical or mental disability at the time of the veteran's death."

SEC. 2. The table of contents in the first section of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 is amended by inserting immediately below

71 Stat. 83.

"Sec. 106. Discharge or release includes retirement."

the following:

"Sec. 107. Dependent husbands."

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