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eases of Cattle, the same to be first revised and brought to date under the supervision of the Secretary of Agriculture; thirty thousand copies for the use of the Senate, sixty thousand copies for the use of the House of Representatives, and ten thousand copies for distribution by the Department of Agriculture.

Distribution.

Approved, May 23, 1908.

[No. 28.] Joint Resolution Providing for additional lands for Idaho under the provisions of the Carey Act.

May 25, 1908.
[S. J. R. 51.]

[Pub. Res., No. 28.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an additional one million acres of arid lands within the State of Idaho be made available and subject to the terms of section four of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and for other purposes," approved August eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and by amendments thereto, and that the State of Idaho be allowed, under the provisions of said Acts, said additional area, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purposes and under the provisions of said Acts.

Idaho.
Additional arid lands granted to.

Ante, p. 347.
Vol. 28, p. 422.

Approved, May 25, 1908.

[No. 29.] Joint Resolution To provide for the remission of a portion of the Chinese indemnity.

May 25, 1908.
[S. J. R. 23.]

[Pub. Res., No. 29.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is hereby authorized to consent to a modification of the bond for twenty-four million four hundred and forty thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight dollars and eighty-one cents, dated December fifteenth, nineteen hundred and six, received from China pursuant to the protocol of September seventh, nineteen hundred and one, for indemnity against losses and expenses incurred by reason of the so-called Boxer disturbances in China during the year nineteen hundred, so that the total payment to be made by China under the said bond shall be limited to the sum of thirteen million six hundred and fifty-five thousand four hundred and ninety-two dollars and sixty-nine cents and interest at the stipulated rate of four per centum per annum, and that the remainder of the indemnity to which the United States is entitled under the said protocol and bond may be remitted as an act of friendship, such payments and remission to be at such times and in such manner as the President shall deem just: *Provided*, That within one year from the passage of this resolution any person whose claim upon the Chinese indemnity, nineteen hundred, was presented to the United States commissioners or to the Department of State and disallowed in whole or in part may present the same by petition to the Court of Claims, which court is hereby invested with jurisdiction to hear and adjudicate such claim, without appeal, and to render such judgments de novo, or in addition to any allowance or allowances heretofore made, as, in each case shall be fully and substantially compensatory for actual losses and expenses of the claimant caused by the antiforeign disturbances in China during the year nineteen hundred, excluding merely speculative claims or elements of damage: *And provided also*, That the sum of two million dollars be reserved from the Chinese indemnity, nineteen hundred, for the payment of such judg-

Chinese indemnity.
Modification of bond for Boxer damages.

Remission of portion.

Interest.

Provisos.
Court of Claims to adjudicate disallowed, etc., claims.

Amount reserved to pay judgments.

ments, the same to be paid by the Treasurer of the United States as and when they shall be certified to the Secretary of the Treasury by the said court, and any balance remaining after all such claims have been adjudicated and paid shall be returned to the Chinese Government in such manner as the Secretary of State shall decide, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to so return the same: *And provided further*, That all evidence furnished by the claimants, and statements made by them to the said commissioners or to the Department of State, shall be transmitted by the said Department to the said Court of Claims and considered together with such other additional testimony as may be presented by either side, and the Government of the United States shall defend the said claims in the said court by such attorney or attorneys as may be designated for such service by the Attorney-General of the United States: *Provided further*, That in no case shall the Court of Claims award a principal sum to any claimant which, together with the principal sums said claimant may have already received by decision of the United States commissioners and the Department of State, shall exceed the amount originally claimed by said claimant.

Return of balance.

Evidence to be submitted.

Defending claims.

Awards restricted.

Approved, May 25, 1908.

May 28, 1908.
[H. J. R. 186.]
[Pub. Res., No. 30.]

[No. 30.] Joint Resolution Relating to the assignment of space in the House Office Building.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the assignment of rooms in the office building of the House of Representatives, which shall hereafter be designated as the House Office Building, heretofore made by resolution or order of the House of Representatives, shall continue in force until modified or changed in accordance with the provisions of this resolution, and the room so assigned to any Representative shall continue to be held by such Representative as his individual office room so long as he shall remain a member or member-elect of the House of Representatives, or until he shall relinquish the same, subject, however, to the provisions of this resolution, and no Representative shall allow his office room to be used for any other purpose.

House Office Building.
Assignment of rooms.

Any member or member-elect of the House of Representatives may file with the Superintendent of the Capitol Building and Grounds a request in writing that any individual office room be assigned to him whenever it shall become vacant. If only one such request has been made for any room which shall at any time have become vacant, the room shall be assigned as requested. If two or more requests are made for the same vacant room, preference shall be given to the Representative making the request who has been longest in continuous service as a member and member-elect of the House of Representatives. If two or more Representatives with equal length of continuous service, or two or more Representatives-elect make request for the same room, preference shall be given to the one first preferring his request. A Representative or Representative-elect making request for the assignment of a vacant room may withdraw the same at any time and no one shall have pending at the same time more than one such request. The assignment of a new room to a Representative, upon his request, or the appointment of any Representative having an individual office room as chairman of a committee having a committee room, shall act as a relinquishment by him of the room previously assigned to him.

Filing written requests for vacant rooms.

Preference rights.

First request to be granted.

Assignment of new room, etc.

Representatives having rooms assigned to them in the foregoing manner may exchange rooms one with another, but such exchange shall be valid only so long as both members making the exchange shall

Exchange of rooms.