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Whereas the War Department, under authorization of Congress, has leased to the International Trade Exhibition the New Orleans Quartermaster Intermediate Depot Numbered 2 for the purpose of exhibiting such products; and

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Whereas it is the desire and purpose to obtain the participation of the States of the Union and foreign countries in such exhibition, thus encouraging and facilitating the growth of commerce in trade in such products; and

Whereas it is the sense of Congress that such a permanent international trade exhibition should be encouraged and officially recognized: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is authorized to invite by proclamation, or in such other manner as he may deem proper, the States of the Union and all foreign countries to participate in the proposed permanent exhibition to be held by the International Trade Exhibition at New Orleans, Louisiana, beginning September 15, 1925, for the purpose of exhibiting samples of fabricated and raw products of all countries and bringing together buyers and sellers for promotion of trade and commerce in such products.

States and foreign countries invited to participate in the exhibition.

SEC. 2. The President of the United States is respectfully requested to give official recognition to the International Trade Exhibition by furnishing to Hamilton K. Avery, the vice president and general manager thereof, such credentials as he deems proper to enable such International Trade Exhibition, with the sanction of the United States Government, to present to the peoples of the United States and of foreign countries the advantages of such exhibition as a means of fostering and promoting trade and commerce.

Official recognition requested, by furnishing credentials to Hamilton K. Avery.

SEC. 3. All articles that shall be imported from foreign countries for the sole purpose of exhibition at the International Trade Exhibition upon which there shall be a tariff or customs duty shall be admitted free of the payment of duty, customs fees, or charges, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe; but it shall be lawful at any time during the exhibition to sell any goods or property imported for and actually on exhibition, subject to such regulations for the security of the revenue and for the collection of import duties as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe: *Provided*, That all such articles when sold or withdrawn for consumption or use in the United States shall be subject to the duty, if any, imposed upon such articles by the revenue laws in force at the date of withdrawal; and on such articles which shall have suffered diminution or deterioration from incidental handling and necessary exposure, the duty, if paid, shall be assessed according to the appraised value at the time of withdrawal for consumption or use, and the penalties prescribed by law shall be enforced against any person guilty of any illegal sale, use, or withdrawal.

Articles solely for exhibition admitted free of duty.

Sales permitted subject to revenue regulations.

Proviso.
Payment of duty.

Allowance for deterioration, etc.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

March 3, 1925.
[S. J. Res. 187.]
[Pub. Res., No. 62.]

CHAP. 482.—Joint Resolution Providing for the cooperation of the United States in the sesquicentennial exhibition commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established a commission, to be known as the National Sesquicentennial Exhibition Commission and to be composed of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Commerce, to represent the United States in connection with the holding of an international exhibition in the city of Philadelphia, Penn-

Philadelphia Sesquicentennial Exhibition.
National Commission created for the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence at the, in 1926.
Composition.

sylvania, in 1926, in celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. There is also established a commission to be known as the National Advisory Commission to the Sesquicentennial Exhibition Association and to be composed of two citizens from each of the several States, Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippine Islands, Porto Rico, the Canal Zone, and the Virgin Islands, to be appointed by the President, which commission is authorized to confer with and advise the officers and directors of the Sesquicentennial Exhibition Association under whose auspices the exhibition is to be held. There is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of not to exceed $25,000, to defray such expenses of the commissions herein established as shall be approved by the National Sesquicentennial Exhibition Commission.

Advisory Commission established.
Composition from the States, Territories and possessions.

Appropriation for expenses.

SEC. 2. All articles that shall be imported from foreign countries for the sole purpose of display at such exhibition upon which there shall be a tariff or customs duty shall be admitted free of the payment of duty, customs fees, or charges, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe; but it shall be lawful at any time during the exhibition to sell any goods or property imported for and actually on exhibition, subject to such regulations for the security of the revenue and for the collection of import duties as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe: *Provided*, That all such articles when sold or withdrawn for consumption or use in the United States shall be subject to the duty, if any, imposed upon such articles by the revenue laws in force at the date of withdrawal; and on such articles which shall have suffered diminution or deterioration from incidental handling and exposure, the duty, if payable, shall be assessed according to the appraised value at the time of sale or withdrawal, and the penalties prescribed by law shall be enforced against any person guilty of any illegal sale, use, or withdrawal.

Articles solely for exhibition admitted free of duty.

Sales permitted subject to revenue regulations.

Proviso.
Payment of duty.

Allowance for deterioration.

Penalties for illegal sales, etc.

SEC. 3. The heads of the various executive departments and independent establishments of the Government are authorized to collect and prepare and lend, upon request, to the Sesquicentennial Exhibition Association articles, specimens, and exhibits which, in their judgment, it may be in the interests of the United States to exhibit at such exhibition.

Departments, etc., to prepare and lend exhibits.

SEC. 4. (a) In commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence there shall be coined at the mints of the United States gold $2.50 pieces to the number of not more than two hundred thousand and silver 50-cent pieces to the number of not more than one million, such coins to be of the standard troy weight, composition, diameter, device, and design as shall be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, and such coins shall be legal tender in any payment to the amount of their face value.

Gold $2.50 and silver 50-cent commemorative pieces to be coined at the mints.

Legal tender quality.

(b) All laws now in force relating to the gold coins and subsidiary silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same, regulating and guarding the process of coinage, providing for the purchase of material, and for the transportation, distribution, and redemption of the coins, for the prevention of debasement or counterfeiting, for security of the coins, or for any other purposes, whether such laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage herein authorized: *Provided*, That the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the necessary dies and other preparation for this coinage.

Coinage laws applicable.

Proviso.
No Government expense for dies, etc.

(c) The coins authorized by this section shall be issued only to the authorized officers of the Sesquicentennial Exhibition Associa-

Issued only to the Exhibition Association.

tion, and in such numbers and at such times as they shall request, upon payment by such officers, for and on behalf of such association, of the par value of such coins.

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[S. J. Res. 102.]
[Pub. Res., No. 63.]

CHAP. 483.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of War to modify certain contracts entered into for the sale of boats, barges, tugs, and other transportation facilities intended for operation upon the New York State Barge Canal.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to so modify the terms of all contracts and supplements thereto that have been entered into by the United States regarding the sale of boats, barges, tugs, and other transportation facilities intended for operation on the New York State Barge Canal by such a new contract or contracts as will enable the New York Canal and Great Lakes Corporation to operate the boats, barges, tugs, and other transportation facilities sold under the terms of Public Resolution Numbered 62, 1921, with a reasaonable prospect of success: *Provided*, That the terms of sale be such that the total amount received and to be received by the United States from the sale of such boats, barges, tugs, and other transportation facilities shall be not less than $500,000, which shall be paid within ninety days after the date of such new contract or contracts: *Provided further*, That any such new contract or contracts shall provide that the New York Canal and Great Lakes Corporation shall reestablish the line formerly known as the Intra-Coastal Section, Inland and Coastwise Waterways Service, operating between Baltimore, Maryland, and New Berne, Beaufort, and Morehead City, North Carolina, and shall operate such line by not less than two self-propelled barges.

New York Canal and Great Lakes Corporation.
Contracts with, for operating the facilities sold to State Barge Canal.
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Provisos.
Minimum price to be paid.

Intracoastal service between Baltimore and North Carolina ports to be reestablished.

Operation of.

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[S. J. Res. 124.]
[Pub. Res., No. 64.]

CHAP. 484.—Joint Resolution To provide for the posthumous appointment to commissioned grades of certain enlisted men and the posthumous promotion of certain commissioned officers.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue, or cause to be issued, an appropriate commission in the name of any person who, while in the military service of the United States during the war between the United States and Germany and Austria-Hungary, had been duly appointed to a commissioned grade, or had successfully completed the course at a training school for officers and had been recommended for appointment to a commissioned grade by the officer commanding or in charge of such school and, through no fault of his own, was unable to accept the commission for such grade by reason of his death in line of duty; and any such commission shall issue as of the date of such appointment, and any such person's name shall be carried upon the records of the War Department as of the grade and branch of the service to which he would have been promoted by such commission, from the date of such appointment to the date of his death.

Army.
Commission to issue in name of person appointed or recommended for a grade during World War, but not accepted by reason of death.

Date and grade to be entered on Army record.

SEC. 2. That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue, or cause to be issued, an appropriate commission in the name of any person who, while in the military service of the United States during the war between the United States and Germany and Austria-Hungary, may have been officially recommended for

Commission to issue in name of person officially recommended for a grade, and duly approved, during World War, but not accepted on account of death.