

CHAP. 281.—Joint Resolution To provide for accepting, ratifying, and confirming the cessions of certain islands of the Samoan group to the United States, and for other purposes.

February 20, 1929.
[S. J. Res. 110.]
[Pub. Res., No. 89.]

Whereas certain chiefs of the islands of Tutuila and Manua and certain other islands of the Samoan group lying between the thirteenth and fifteenth degrees of latitude south of the Equator and between the one hundred and sixty-seventh and one hundred and seventy-first degrees of longitude west of Greenwich, herein referred to as the islands of eastern Samoa, having in due form agreed to cede absolutely and without reserve to the United States of America all rights of sovereignty of whatsoever kind in and over these islands of the Samoan group by their acts dated April 10, 1900, and July 16, 1904: Therefore be it

Samoa Islands.
Preamble.
Cessions by chiefs of.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) said cessions are accepted, ratified, and confirmed, as of April 10, 1900, and July 16, 1904, respectively.

Acceptance, etc., of
cessions.

(b) The existing laws of the United States relative to public lands shall not apply to such lands in the said islands of eastern Samoa; but the Congress of the United States shall enact special laws for their management and disposition: *Provided,* That all revenue from or proceeds of the same, except as regards such part thereof as may be used or occupied for the civil, military, or naval purposes of the United States or may be assigned for the use of the local government, shall be used solely for the benefit of the inhabitants of the said islands of eastern Samoa for educational and other public purposes.

Land laws of United
States not applicable,
etc.

Proviso.
Use of revenues.

(c) Until Congress shall provide for the government of such islands, all civil, judicial, and military powers shall be vested in such person or persons and shall be exercised in such manner as the President of the United States shall direct; and the President shall have power to remove said officers and fill the vacancies so occasioned.

Powers vested in the
President.

(d) The President shall appoint six commissioners, two of whom shall be members of the Senate, two of whom shall be members of the House of Representatives, and two of whom shall be chiefs of the said islands of eastern Samoa, who shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, recommend to Congress such legislation concerning the islands of eastern Samoa as they shall deem necessary or proper.

Commissioners to
recommend to Con-
gress legislation to gov-
ern the islands.
Composition.

(e) The sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended at the discretion of the President of the United States of America, for the purpose of carrying this joint resolution into effect.

Amount authorized
for expenses.

Approved, February 20, 1929.

CHAP. 286.—An Act To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Ohio River at Augusta, Kentucky.

February 21, 1929.
[H. R. 16279.]
[Public, No. 789.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of the bridge across the Ohio River at Augusta, Kentucky, authorized to be built by J. C. Norris, as mayor of the city of Augusta, Kentucky, his successors and assigns, by the Act of Congress approved April 20, 1928, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from April 20, 1929.

Ohio River.
Time extended for
bridging, at Augusta,
Ky.
Ante, p. 435.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 21, 1929.

February 21, 1929.

[H. R. 15851.]

[Public, No. 790.]

CHAP. 287.—An Act To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Allegheny River at Kittanning, in the county of Armstrong, in the State of Pennsylvania.

Allegheny River.
Time extended for
bridging, at Kittan-
ning, Pa.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of the bridge across the Allegheny River, at or near Market Street, in the borough of Kittanning, county of Armstrong, in the State of Pennsylvania, authorized to be built by the county of Armstrong, a county of the State of Pennsylvania, or its successors and assigns, by the Act of Congress approved February 16, 1928, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from February 16, 1929.

Ante, p. 117.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 21, 1929.

February 21, 1929.

[H. R. 12449.]

[Public, No. 791.]

CHAP. 288.—An Act To define the terms "child" and "children" as used in the Acts of May 18, 1920, and June 10, 1922.

Pay readjustment,
Army, etc.
Children included as
dependent.
Vol. 41, p. 604; Vol. 42,
pp. 627, 631; Vol. 44, p.
681.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the words "child" and "children" as used in section 12 of the Act approved May 18, 1920 (Forty-first Statutes, page 604), and in section 4 of the Act approved June 10, 1922 (Forty-second Statutes, page 627), and in section 12 of the Act approved June 10, 1922 (Forty-second Statutes, page 631) as amended by the Act approved June 1, 1926 (Forty-fourth Statutes, page 680), shall be held to include, legitimate children, stepchildren, and adopted children, where such legitimate children, stepchildren, or adopted children are in fact dependent upon the person claiming dependency allowance.

Approved, February 21, 1929.

February 21, 1929.

[H. R. 8736.]

[Public, No. 792.]

CHAP. 289.—An Act To provide for the commemoration of the battles of Brices Cross Roads, Mississippi, and Tupelo, Mississippi.

Battles of Brices Cross
Roads and Tupelo,
Miss.
Sites to be acquired
for markers to com-
memorate.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of commemorating the battles of Brices Cross Roads, Mississippi, and Tupelo, Mississippi, the Secretary of War is authorized and directed to (1) acquire not to exceed one acre of land, free of cost to the United States, at each of the above-named battle fields, (2) fence each parcel of land so acquired, (3) build an approach to each such parcel of land, and (4) erect a suitable marker on each such parcel of land.

Sum authorized.
Post, p. 1666.

SEC. 2. There is authorized to be appropriated \$10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this Act.

Control of Secretary
of War.
Maintenance.

SEC. 3. Each parcel of land acquired under section 1 of this Act shall be under the jurisdiction and control of the Secretary of War, and there is authorized to be appropriated for the maintenance of each such parcel of land, fence, approach, and marker a sum not to exceed \$250 per annum.

Approved, February 21, 1929.