

CHAP. 82.—An Act To provide for the deduction of hatchways and water-ballast space from the gross tonnage of vessels.

February 6, 1909.
[S. 8460.]

[Public, No. 218.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section one of the Act approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An Act to amend section one of chapter three hundred and ninety-eight of the laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-two, entitled 'An Act to provide for deductions from the gross tonnage of vessels of the United States,'" is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (h) the following words:

Navigation.
Deductions from
gross tonnage United
States vessels.
Vol. 28, p. 742,
amended.

"The cubical contents of the hatchways shall be obtained by multiplying the length and breadth together and the product by the mean depth taken from the top of beam to the under side of the hatch. From the aggregate tonnage of the hatchways there shall be deducted one-half of one per cent of the gross tonnage and the remainder only shall be added to the gross tonnage of the ship exclusive of the tonnage of the hatchways."

Cubical contents of
hatchways, etc.

SEC. 2. That said section is further amended by inserting at the end of the fourth paragraph after paragraph (i) the following words:

"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, stores, supplies, or fuel."

Deductions for
water-ballast space.
Vol. 28, p. 743,
amended.

Approved, February 6, 1909.

CHAP. 83.—An Act Extending the time for the construction by James A. Moore, or his assigns, of a canal along the government right of way connecting the waters of Puget Sound with Lake Washington.

February 6, 1909.
[S. 8695.]

[Public, No. 219.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, subject to all the other provisions contained in the Act of Congress entitled "An Act authorizing James A. Moore, or his assigns, to construct a canal along the government right of way connecting the waters of Puget Sound with Lake Washington," approved June eleventh, nineteen hundred and six, and contained in the modification of said Act made in the Act of Congress entitled "An Act making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," approved March second, nineteen hundred and seven, the time limitation for the completion of the canal authorized by said Acts is hereby extended until June eleventh, nineteen hundred and twelve.

Puget Sound and
Lake Washington,
Wash.
Time extended for
constructing canal by
James A. Moore, etc.,
to connect waters of.
Vol. 34, pp. 251, 1108.

Time of construc-
tion..

Approved, February 6, 1909.

CHAP. 84.—An Act To build a bridge across the Santee River, South Carolina.

February 6, 1909.
[H. R. 23711.]

[Public, No. 220.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Santee River Cypress Lumber Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a drawbridge and approaches thereto across the Santee River at or near its lumber mill plant and property from its property in Clarendon County, South Carolina, on the east or north bank, as may be, to its property on the west or south bank, as may be, of said river, in the State of South Carolina, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Santee River, S. C.
Santee River Cy-
press Lumber Com-
pany may bridge.

Location.

Vol. 34, p. 84.

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

Amendment.

Approved, February 6, 1909.

February 9, 1909.
[H. R. 27427.]

CHAP. 100.—An Act To prohibit the importation and use of opium for other than medicinal purposes.

[Public, No. 221.]

Opium. Importation prohibited.

Proviso. Opium, etc., for medicinal purposes excepted.

Duties.

Penalty for violation.

Possession, proof of guilt.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That after the first day of April, nineteen hundred and nine, it shall be unlawful to import into the United States opium in any form or any preparation or derivative thereof: *Provided,* That opium and preparations and derivatives thereof, other than smoking opium or opium prepared for smoking, may be imported for medicinal purposes only, under regulations which the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to prescribe, and when so imported shall be subject to the duties which are now or may hereafter be imposed by law.

SEC. 2. That if any person shall fraudulently or knowingly import or bring into the United States, or assist in so doing, any opium or any preparation or derivative thereof contrary to law, or shall receive, conceal, buy, sell, or in any manner facilitate the transportation, concealment, or sale of such opium or preparation or derivative thereof after importation, knowing the same to have been imported contrary to law, such opium or preparation or derivative thereof shall be forfeited and shall be destroyed, and the offender shall be fined in any sum not exceeding five thousand dollars nor less than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment for any time not exceeding two years, or both. Whenever, on trial for a violation of this section, the defendant is shown to have, or to have had, possession of such opium or preparation or derivative thereof, such possession shall be deemed sufficient evidence to authorize conviction unless the defendant shall explain the possession to the satisfaction of the jury.

Approved, February 9, 1909.

February 9, 1909.
[H. R. 26399.]

CHAP. 101.—An Act Making appropriations to supply urgent deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and nine.

[Public, No. 222.]

Urgent deficiencies appropriations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and nine, namely:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Treasury Department.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing, land for new building.

Public laws, 1st sess., p. 319.

Ithaca, N. Y. Post-office.

Washington, District of Columbia, Bureau of Engraving and Printing: For the purchase of land, in addition to the amount appropriated by Act of May twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and eight, one hundred and forty-six thousand three hundred and four dollars and forty cents.

Ithaca, New York, post-office: For completion of building, two thousand dollars.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

District of Columbia.

Removal of snow and ice. Vol. 28, p. 809.

For cleaning snow and ice from cross walks and gutters, under the Act approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, five thousand dollars, one-half of which shall be paid out of the revenues of the District of Columbia and one-half from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Night schools. Salaries of teachers, etc.

For additional amount required, fiscal year nineteen hundred and nine, for salaries of teachers and janitors of night schools, including teachers of industrial, commercial, and trade instruction; and teachers and janitors of night schools may also be teachers and janitors of day schools, five thousand five hundred dollars, one-half of which shall be paid out of the revenues of the District of Columbia and one-half from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

One-half from District revenues.