

# PUBLIC ACTS OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS

OF THE

## UNITED STATES

*Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday the third day of December, 1900, and was adjourned without day on Monday the fourth day of March, 1901.*

WILLIAM MCKINLEY, President; WILLIAM P. FRYE, President of the Senate pro tempore; DAVID B. HENDERSON, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**CHAP. 1.**—An Act In relation to the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the permanent seat of government in the District of Columbia. December 7, 1900.

Whereas the Senate and House of Representatives have each appointed a committee to act with other committees appointed respectively by the President of the United States and by the citizens of the District of Columbia (in a mass meeting assembled), which committees have in charge the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the permanent seat of government in the District of Columbia; and

Preamble.

Whereas said committees have in joint session adopted a plan of celebration which has been submitted to the President of the United States and by him transmitted to Congress, such plan proposing as a feature of the celebration the holding by the Senate and House of Representatives, jointly, commemorative exercises in the Hall of the House of Representatives in the afternoon of the twelfth day of December, nineteen hundred, in honor of the centennial anniversary of the first session of Congress held in the permanent capital: Therefore,

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the two Houses of Congress shall assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on the twelfth day of December, nineteen hundred, at the hour of half past three o'clock post meridian, and that addresses on subjects bearing on the celebration shall be made by Senators and Representatives to be chosen by the joint committee mentioned in the preamble; that the President and ex-Presidents of the United States, the heads of the several Executive Departments, the Justices of the Supreme Court, representatives of foreign Governments accredited to this Government, the governors of the several States and Territories, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, the Lieutenant-General of the Army and the Admiral of the Navy, officers of the Army and Navy who have received the thanks of Congress, and all persons who have the privilege of the floor either of the Senate or the House, be, and are hereby, invited to be present on the occasion, and that the members of the committee from the country at large, the members of the said citizens' committee, and the

District of Columbia. Celebration authorized of centennial anniversary of establishment of seat of government in.

Invitations to exercises.

—Cards of admission,  
etc.

Day of celebration a  
legal holiday.  
Loan of flags.

Regulations, etc.

chairmen and vice-chairmen of the committees of the national capital centennial, are hereby granted the privilege of the floor of the House during the exercises; that the said citizens' committees shall issue cards of admission to such portions of the public galleries of the Hall of the House as may be set apart by the Doorkeeper of the House for that purpose. That the Speaker of the House shall call the assembly to order and the President pro tempore of the Senate shall act as presiding officer during the exercises. That the twelfth day of December, nineteen hundred, be a legal holiday within the District of Columbia. That the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy are authorized to deliver to the Architect of the Capitol, for the purpose of decorating the Capitol, its approaches, and the reviewing stands in the Capitol grounds for the occasion, such United States ensigns and flags, except battle flags, and such signal numbers and other flags as may be spared, the same to be delivered to the Architect immediately, and returned by him not later than the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred. That admission of the general public to the southern portion of the Capitol, including the Rotunda, on the said twelfth day of December, nineteen hundred, shall be by card only, under the direction of the Doorkeeper of the House. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized and directed, for the occasion, to make all reasonable regulations necessary to secure the preservation of public order and protection of life and property, and to grant authority or permits for the use of such thoroughfares and sidewalks in the city of Washington as may be necessary for parades, and that the citizens' committee are authorized to erect for the occasion a reviewing stand at the east side of or on the east steps of the Capitol.

Approved, December 7, 1900.

December 19, 1900.

**CHAP. 3.**—An Act To provide for the appointment of an additional district judge in and for the northern judicial district of the State of Ohio.

Ohio, northern ju-  
dicial district.  
Additional district  
judge authorized.

Vacancy in existing  
judgeship not to be  
filled.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there shall be in the northern judicial district of the State of Ohio an additional district judge, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall possess the same qualifications and have the same power and jurisdiction now prescribed by law in respect to the present district judge therein.

**SEC. 2.** That no vacancy in the office of the existing district judge of said northern judicial district of Ohio shall be filled by appointment, and in case of such vacancy there shall be thereafter one district judge only for said district.

Approved, December 19, 1900.

December 21, 1900.

**CHAP. 6.**—An Act To amend an Act authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at Dubuque, Iowa, approved March sixth, nineteen hundred.

Bridge of Dubuque  
and Wisconsin Bridge  
Co., over the Missis-  
sippi River at Du-  
buque.  
Length of spans  
changed.  
Ante, p. 41.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section two of an Act authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at Dubuque, Iowa, approved March sixth, nineteen hundred, is hereby amended by striking out the words "two hundred" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "one hundred and seventy-five."

Approved, December 21, 1900.