

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.

Approved, May 25, 1908.

May 23, 1908.  
[H. J. R. 186.]

[Pub. Res., No. 30.]

House Office Building.  
Assignment of rooms.

[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.

Filing written requests for vacant 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.

Preference rights.

First request to be granted.

Assignment of new room, etc.

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.

Exchange of rooms.

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

remain continuously members or members-elect of the House of Representatives.

The Superintendent of the Capitol Building and Grounds shall keep a record of the assignment of rooms heretofore or hereafter made, exchanges which may be made, requests for vacant rooms which may be filed, and the assignment thereof, which record shall be open for the inspection of Representatives or Representatives-elect of the House.

Record of assignments and changes.

In the matter of the assignment of rooms under this resolution, Delegates in Congress and the Commissioners from Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands shall be treated the same as Representatives.

Delegates and Resident Commissioners.

The assignment and reassignment of the rooms and other space in the House Office Building shall be subject to the control of the House of Representatives by rule, resolution, order, or otherwise. Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to affect or repeal the provisions of law heretofore enacted placing said House Office Building under the control of the Superintendent of the Capitol Building and Grounds, subject to the approval and direction of the Commissions provided for respectively in the Act of March third, nineteen hundred and three, and the Act of March fourth, nineteen hundred and seven.

Assignments, etc., subject to control of House.  
Superintendent of Capitol, etc., control, etc., not affected.

Vol. 32, p. 1114.

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Unoccupied space in said building shall be assigned by the Superintendent of the Capitol Building and Grounds under the direction of the Commission and subject to the control of the House of Representatives.

Unoccupied space.

Approved, May 28, 1908.

[No. 31.] Joint Resolution Directing the selection of a site and the erection of a pedestal for a bronze statue in Washington, District of Columbia, in honor of John Witherspoon.

May 29, 1908.  
[S. J. R. 6.]

[Pub. Res., No. 31.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the chairman of the Committee on the Library of the Senate, the chairman of the Committee on the Library of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of War, and the chairman of the Witherspoon Memorial Association are hereby created a commission to select and prepare a site on property belonging to the United States in the city of Washington, other than the grounds of the Capitol or Library of Congress, and erect thereon a suitable pedestal for a statue in bronze of John Witherspoon, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, to be provided by the Witherspoon Memorial Association.*

District of Columbia.  
Monument to John Witherspoon in.  
Commission to select site, etc.

SEC. 2. That for the preparation of the site so selected and the erection of the pedestal the sum of four thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided*, That the design for said statue shall be approved by the commission herein created.

Appropriation.

*Proviso.*  
Design.

Approved, May 29, 1908.

[No. 32.] Joint Resolution Authorizing the employment of clerical services in the Department of Justice.

May 30, 1908.  
[H. J. R. 197.]

[Pub. Res., No. 32.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Attorney-General is authorized to continue the employment of clerical services during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and nine, under the appropriation for "Defense in Indian Depredation Claims" and to pay therefor out of said appropriation, not to exceed the sum of six thousand dollars.*

Department of Justice.  
Clerks on Indian depredation claims.

*Ante*, p. 236.

Approved, May 30, 1908.