

Consent and approval of Congress.

SEC. 2. Without further submission of said compact, the consent and approval of Congress is hereby given to the States of Connecticut, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, and for the purpose of the better utilization of their anadromous fisheries, to the States of Vermont and Pennsylvania, to enter into said compact as signatory States and as parties thereto, in addition to the States which have now ratified the compact.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 3. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission constituted by the compact shall make an annual report to Congress not later than sixty days after the beginning of each regular session thereof. Such report shall set forth the activities of the Commission during the calendar year ending immediately prior to the beginning of such session.

Right reserved.

SEC. 4. The right to alter, amend, or repeal the provisions of sections 1, 2 and 3 is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, May 4, 1942.

[CHAPTER 287]

AN ACT

May 5, 1942  
[H. R. 5962]  
[Public Law 540]

To ratify and confirm act 20 of the Special Session Laws of Hawaii, 1941, extending the time within which revenue bonds may be issued and delivered under act 174 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1935.

Hawaii.  
Ratification of act relating to issuance of bonds.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That act 20 of the Special Session Laws of Hawaii, 1941, amending section 17 of act 174 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1935, as amended, so as to extend the time within which revenue bonds may be issued and delivered under said act 174, is hereby ratified and confirmed and revenue bonds may be issued under and pursuant to the provisions of said act 174 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1935, as amended and as further amended by said act 20, without the approval of the President of the United States and without the incurring of an indebtedness within the meaning of the Hawaiian Organic Act, and said act 174, as amended, shall constitute full authority for the issuance of said bonds without reference to and independent of the Hawaiian Organic Act.

31 Stat. 150.  
48 U. S. C. § 562.

Approved, May 5, 1942.

[CHAPTER 288]

AN ACT

May 5, 1942  
[H. R. 6166]  
[Public Law 541]

To approve Act Numbered 70 of the Special Session Laws of Hawaii, 1941, reducing the rate of interest on loans and providing for the reamortization of indebtedness to the Farm Loan Board.

Hawaii.  
Approval of act relating to farm loans.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Act Numbered 70 of the Special Session Laws of Hawaii, 1941, entitled "An Act to amend chapter 253 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii, 1935, relating to farm loans, by amending section 7763 thereof and adding thereto three new sections to be numbered 7764-A, 7764-B, and 7764-C, respectively, reducing the rate of interest on loans and providing for the reamortization of indebtedness to the Farm Loan Board", is hereby approved.

Approved, May 5, 1942.

## [CHAPTER 294]

## AN ACT

Providing for the suspension of annual assessment work on mining claims held by location in the United States, including the Territory of Alaska.

May 7, 1942  
[H. R. 6604]  
[Public Law 542]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provision of section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which requires on each mining claim located, and until a patent has been issued therefor, not less than \$100 worth of labor to be performed or improvements aggregating such amount to be made each year, be, and the same is hereby, suspended as to all mining claims in the United States, including the Territory of Alaska, during the years beginning at 12 o'clock meridian July 1, 1941, and ending at 12 o'clock meridian July 1, 1943: *Provided*, That every claimant of any such mining claim, in order to obtain the benefits of this Act, shall file, or cause to be filed, in the office where the location notice or certificate is recorded, on or before 12 o'clock meridian July 1, 1942, and July 1, 1943, a notice of his desire to hold said mining claim under this Act: *Provided further*, That such suspension of assessment work shall not apply to more than six lode-mining claims held by the same person, nor to more than twelve lode-mining claims held by the same partnership, association, or corporation.

Mining claims.  
Suspension of assess-  
ment work.  
30 U. S. C. § 28.  
*Post*, p. 647.

*Provisos.*

Approved, May 7, 1942.

## [CHAPTER 295]

## AN ACT

To permit appeals by the United States to the circuit courts of appeals in certain cases.

May 9, 1942  
[H. R. 139]  
[Public Law 543]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act approved March 2, 1907, entitled "An Act providing for writs of error in certain instances in criminal cases" (34 Stat. 1246; U. S. C., title 18, sec. 682), be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

U. S. Courts.

"That an appeal may be taken by and on behalf of the United States from the district courts direct to the Supreme Court of the United States in all criminal cases in the following instances, to wit:

Appeals to U. S.  
Supreme Court in cer-  
tain criminal cases.

"From a decision or judgment quashing, setting aside, or sustaining a demurrer or plea in abatement to any indictment or information, or any count thereof, where such decision or judgment is based upon the invalidity or construction of the statute upon which the indictment or information is founded.

"From a decision arresting a judgment of conviction for insufficiency of the indictment or information, where such decision is based upon the invalidity or construction of the statute upon which the indictment or information is founded.

"From the decision or judgment sustaining a special plea in bar, when the defendant has not been put in jeopardy.

"An appeal may be taken by and on behalf of the United States from the district courts to a circuit court of appeals or the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, as the case may be, in all criminal cases, in the following instances, to wit:

Appeals to circuit  
courts of appeals in  
certain criminal cases.

"From a decision or judgment quashing, setting aside, or sustaining a demurrer or plea in abatement to any indictment or information, or any count thereof except where a direct appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States is provided by this Act.