

vacancies shall be allocated each year to the District of Columbia, to be filled by qualified candidates nominated by the Commissioners thereof”.

(2) Paragraph 5 (b) is amended to read as follows:

“(b) ‘State’ as used in this Act shall include the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone, Guam, American Samoa, and the Virgin Islands.”

“State”.

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Public Law 85-332

AN ACT

To amend section 510 (a) (1) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, to accelerate the trade-in of old vessels with replacement by modern vessels.

February 20, 1958
[H. R. 3210]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proviso in section 510 (a) (1) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U. S. C. 1160), is amended to read as follows: “*Provided*, That until June 30, 1962, the term ‘obsolete vessel’ shall mean a vessel or vessels each of which (A) is of not less than one thousand three hundred and fifty gross tons, (B) is not less than twelve years old, and (C) is owned by a citizen or citizens of the United States and has been owned by such citizen or citizens for at least three years immediately prior to the date of acquisition hereunder.”

Merchant Marine Act, 1936, amendment.
66 Stat. 762.
“Obsolete vessel”.

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Public Law 85-333

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize the construction of certain water conservation projects to provide for a more adequate supply of water for irrigation purposes in the Pecos River Basin, New Mexico and Texas.

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[S. J. Res. 39]

Whereas there has been an inadequate supply of water for beneficial consumptive uses in the Pecos River Basin, New Mexico and Texas, for a number of years; and

Whereas in recent years the shortage of water for beneficial consumptive uses in such basin has been aggravated by reason of the non-beneficial consumptive use of water by salt cedars in such basin and by reason of the infiltration of brine into such river; and

Whereas the States of New Mexico and Texas, with the consent of Congress, entered into a compact in 1948 with respect to the Pecos River and one of the principal purposes of such compact was to provide for cooperation between the Federal Government and the States of New Mexico and Texas in studies and projects designed to make available a greater supply of water for beneficial consumptive uses in such basin; and

Whereas the Bureau of Reclamation and the Geological Survey, after investigation of certain conditions causing the shortage of water in the Pecos River Basin, have made reports in which they have respectively considered, for the purpose of alleviating such shortage, engineering and other aspects of the construction of a water salvage channel in such basin and the construction of works for the alleviation of salinity in such basin; and