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.”

Approved February 20, 1958.

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.

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.”

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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.

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 pro-
vide 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 allevia-
tion of salinity in such basin; and