Public Law 86-288

AN ACT
To amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide for the temporary free importation of extracts, decoctions, and preparations of hemlock suitable for use for tanning.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph 1670(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C., sec. 1201, par. 1670(b)), is amended by striking out “hemlock,” after “divi-divi,” and by striking out “eucalyptus (irrespective of their chief use)” and inserting in lieu thereof “eucalyptus or hemlock (irrespective of their chief use)”.

Sec. 2. The amendment made by the first section of this Act shall apply to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of the enactment of this Act and prior to September 29, 1960, and to articles covered by entries or withdrawals which have not been liquidated or the liquidation of which has not become final on such date of enactment.

Approved September 16, 1959.

Public Law 86-289

AN ACT
To amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the “Virgin Islands Organic Act Amendments of 1959”.

Sec. 2. (a) Subsection (a) of section 6 of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands (68 Stat. 499; 48 U.S.C. 1572) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) The term of office of each member of the legislature shall be two years. The term of office of each member shall commence on the second Monday in January following his election: Provided, however, That the term of office of each member elected in November 1958 shall commence on the second Monday in April 1959 and shall continue until the second Monday in April 1961, and the term of office of each member elected in November 1960 shall commence on the second Monday in April 1961 and continue until the second Monday in January 1963.”

(b) Subsection (e) of section 6 of said Act is amended to read as follows: “Each member of the legislature shall be paid the sum of $600 annually, one-third on the first day of the regular session of the legislature, one-third one month after the beginning of such regular session, and one-third at the close of such regular session. Each member of the legislature who is away from the island of his residence shall also receive the sum of $20 per day for each day’s attendance while the legislature is actually in session, in lieu of his expenses for subsistence, and shall be reimbursed for his actual travel expenses in going to and returning from each session, or period thereof, for not to exceed a total of eight round trips during any calendar year. The salaries, per diem, and travel allowances of the members of the legislature shall be paid by the Government of the United States: Provided, however, That nothing herein shall prohibit the Virgin Islands Legislature from providing for payment of travel expenses and per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates not in excess of those permitted by the Federal Government for its employees, for members of the legislature traveling on official business outside of the Virgin Islands.”
(c) The first sentence of subsection (a) of section 7 of said Act (68 Stat. 500; 48 U.S.C. 1573) is amended to read as follows: "Regular sessions of the legislature shall be held annually, commencing on the second Monday in January (unless the legislature shall by law fix a different date), and shall continue in regular session for not more than sixty consecutive calendar days in any calendar year: Provided, however, That the regular annual session for each of the years 1959, 1960, and 1961, respectively, shall commence on the second Monday in April and shall continue in regular session for not more than sixty consecutive calendar days."

SEC. 3. The second sentence of section 16(a) of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands (68 Stat. 504) as amended (48 U.S.C. 1597) is further amended to comprise two sentences to read as follows: "The head of each executive department other than the department of law shall be designated as the commissioner thereof, and the commissioner of finance shall be bonded. The head of the department of law shall be known as the attorney general of the Virgin Islands."

SEC. 4. Section 27 of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands (48 U.S.C. 1617) is amended to read as follows: "SEC. 27. The President shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint a United States attorney for the Virgin Islands to whose office the provisions of chapter 31 of title 28, United States Code, shall apply, except that the Attorney General shall not appoint more than one assistant United States attorney for the Virgin Islands. Except as otherwise provided by law it shall be the duty of the United States attorney to prosecute all offenses against the United States and to conduct all legal proceedings, civil and criminal, to which the Government of the United States is a party in the district court and in the inferior courts of the Virgin Islands. He shall also prosecute in the district court in the name of the government of the Virgin Islands all offenses against the laws of the Virgin Islands which are cognizable by that court unless, at his request or with his consent, the prosecution of any such case is conducted by the attorney general of the Virgin Islands. The United States attorney may, when requested by the Governor or the attorney general of the Virgin Islands, conduct any other legal proceedings to which the government of the Virgin Islands is a party in the district court or the inferior courts of the Virgin Islands. In the case of a vacancy in the office of United States attorney, the District Court of the Virgin Islands may appoint a United States attorney to serve until the vacancy is filled. The order of appointment by the court shall be filed with the clerk of the court."

Approved September 16, 1959.

Public Law 86-290

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the National Geographic Society to erect a memorial on public grounds in the State of Virginia to honor Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the National Geographic Society is authorized to erect a memorial on public grounds along Memorial Avenue, Arlington County, Virginia (such grounds being now owned by the United States), the purpose of which will be to honor Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd.