Public Law 87-157

AN ACT

To revise section 4166 of the Revised Statutes (46 U.S.C. 35) to permit documentation of vessels sold or transferred abroad.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4166 of the Revised Statutes (U.S.C., 1958 edition, title 46, sec. 35) is amended to read as follows:

"A vessel of the United States which, while outside the limits of a customs collection district of the United States and not in any port designated as a port of documentation outside any such customs collection district, is sold or transferred in whole or in part to a citizen of the United States, may be documented anew as a vessel of the United States in such manner and upon such conditions as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury: Provided, That, if any vessel so sold or transferred is not redocumented while abroad, it shall nevertheless be entitled to all the privileges and benefits of a vessel of the United States up to and for the purpose of its first arrival thereafter within a customs collection district or within a designated port of documentation outside any such customs collection district."

Approved August 17, 1961.

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AN ACT

To authorize and direct the transfer of certain Federal property to the government of American Samoa.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and directed to transfer, without reimbursement or transfer of funds, to the government of American Samoa, within ninety days after the date of enactment of this Act, title to all property, real and personal, which is located in American Samoa on the date of enactment of this Act and which is owned by the United States and is within the administrative supervision of the Department of the Navy on such date: Provided, That title to any personal property which was located in American Samoa on July 1, 1951, and was made available to the government of American Samoa by the Department of the Navy, but which has been consumed or disposed of since such date, shall be deemed to have been transferred to the government of American Samoa on July 1, 1951.

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