

Mr. Sumners  
have no suit commenced  
all these islands?  
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76TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2982

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 20, 1939

Mr. SUMNERS of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

## A BILL

To extend the jurisdiction of the United States District Court, Territory of Hawaii, over the Midway Islands, Wake Island, Johnston Island, Sand Island, Kingman Reef, Kure Island, Baker Island, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, Canton Island, and Enderbury Island, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3 That the jurisdiction of the United States District Court,  
4 Territory of Hawaii, be, and the same is hereby, extended  
5 to all civil and criminal cases arising on or within the <sup>1</sup>Mid-  
6 way Islands, <sup>2</sup>Wake Island, <sup>3</sup>Johnston Island, <sup>4</sup>Sand Island,  
7 <sup>5</sup>Kingman Reef, <sup>6</sup>Kure Island, <sup>7</sup>Baker Island, <sup>8</sup>Howland Island,  
8 <sup>9</sup>Jarvis Island, <sup>10</sup>Canton Island, <sup>11</sup>Enderbury Island, and the  
9 waters adjacent thereto. All civil acts and deeds consum-

now to repeat such a warning they might, I think, well reply  
that we had been rather precipitate ourselves in our action  
in respect to Gardner, Hull and Sydney Islands.

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1 mated and taking place on any of these islands or in the  
2 waters adjacent thereto, and all offenses and crimes com-  
3 mitted thereon, or on or in the waters adjacent thereto, shall  
4 be deemed to have been consummated or committed on the  
5 high seas on board a merchant vessel or other vessel belong-  
6 ing to the United States and shall be adjudicated and deter-  
7 mined or adjudged and punished according to the laws of  
8 the United States relating to such civil acts or offenses on  
9 such ships or vessels on the high seas, which laws for the  
10 purpose aforesaid are extended over such islands, rocks, and  
11 keys.

12 The situs for the trial of such civil and criminal cases  
13 shall be the situs of the United States District Court, Territory  
14 of Hawaii.

15 Appeals in such cases from said district court shall be  
16 had and allowed to the Circuit Court of Appeals for the  
17 Ninth Judicial Circuit in the same manner as appeals are  
18 allowed from district courts to courts of appeal of the United  
19 States as provided by law; and the laws of the United States  
20 relating to juries and jury trials shall be applicable to the  
21 trial of such cases before said district court.

**A BILL**

To extend the jurisdiction of the United States District Court, Territory of Hawaii, over the Midway Islands, Wake Island, Johnston Island, Sand Island, Kingman Reef, Suro Island, Baker Island, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, Canton Island, and Enderbury Island, and for other purposes.

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By Mr. SENECA of Texas

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Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary