IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 20, 1939

Mr. Sumner 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.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the jurisdiction of the United States District Court, Territory of Hawaii, be, and the same is hereby, extended to all civil and criminal cases arising on or within 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 the waters adjacent thereto. All civil acts and deeds consum-
mated and taking place on any of these islands or in the waters adjacent thereto, and all offenses and crimes committed thereon, or on or in the waters adjacent thereto, shall be deemed to have been consummated or committed on the high seas on board a merchant vessel or other vessel belonging to the United States and shall be adjudicated and determined or adjudged and punished according to the laws of the United States relating to such civil acts or offenses on such ships or vessels on the high seas, which laws for the purpose aforesaid are extended over such islands, rocks, and keys.

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

Appeals in such cases from said district court shall be had and allowed to the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Judicial Circuit in the same manner as appeals are allowed from district courts to courts of appeal of the United States as provided by law; and the laws of the United States relating to juries and jury trials shall be applicable to the trial of such cases before said district court.
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By Mr. Bums of Texas

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