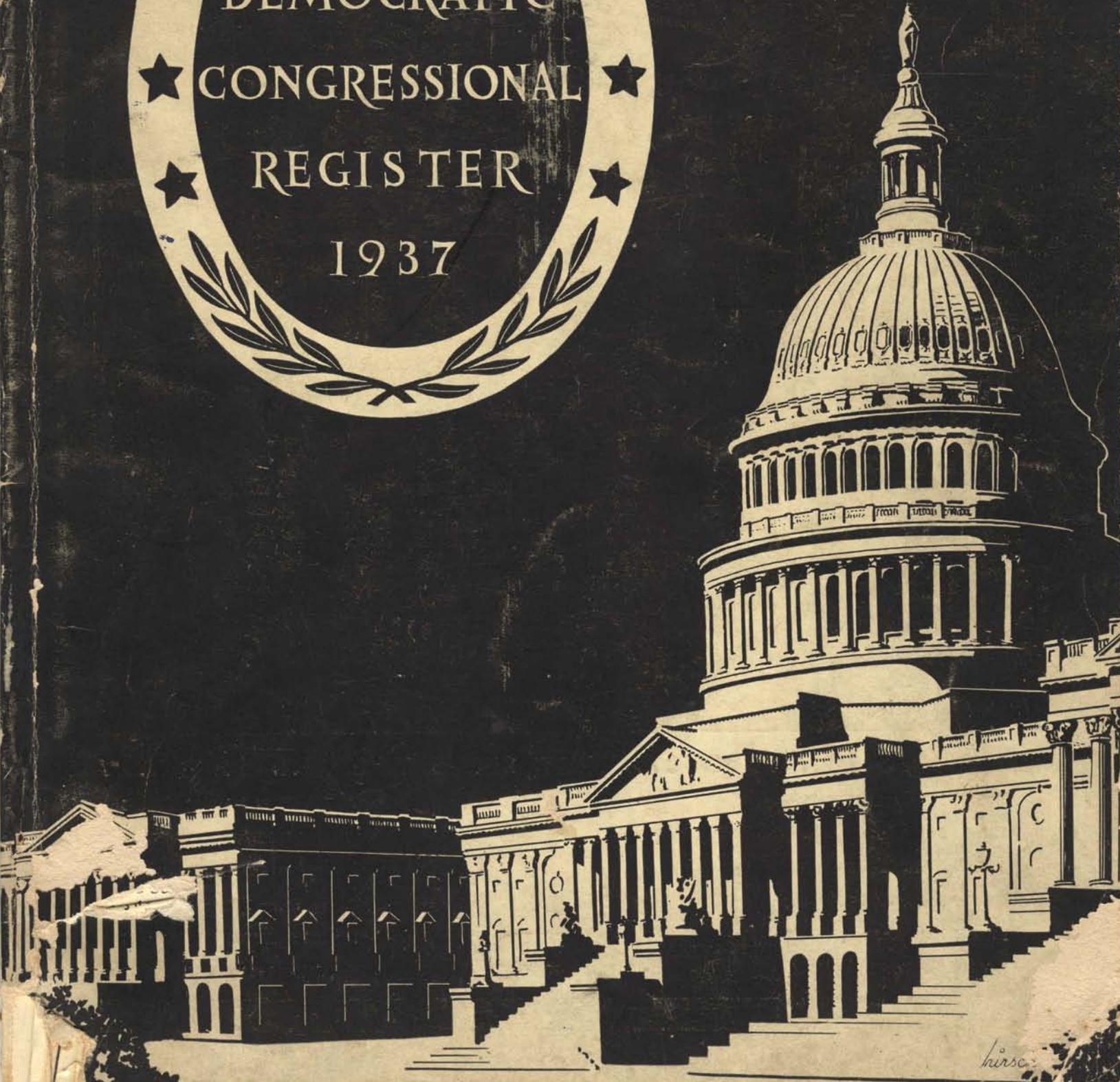
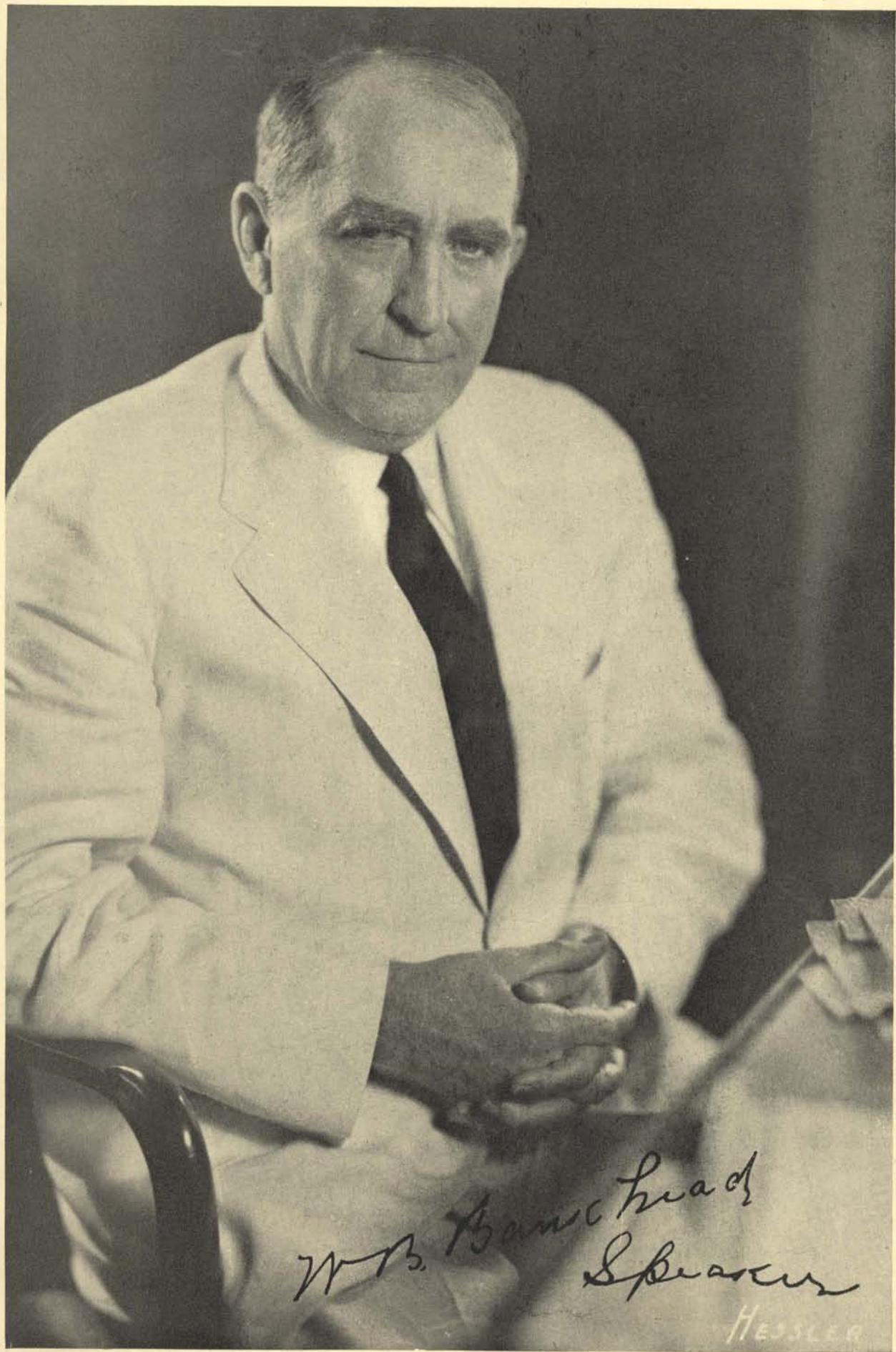


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Committee on **MERCHANT MARINE** **and FISHERIES**

By JAMES W. GULICK, Jr., Clerk

● Established in 1887, the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries was given jurisdiction over subjects relating to the merchant marine and fisheries. Since that time, the scope of the committee's jurisdiction has steadily increased until at present it may be generally said that there is referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries legislation relating to the general subjects of the merchant marine, including all transportation by water, Coast Guard, life-saving service, lighthouses, lightships, ocean derelicts, Coast and Geodetic Survey, Panama Canal, and fisheries.

First springing into national prominence during the early years of the 20th Century as a means of further promoting safety of life and property at sea by broadcasting messages and other calls for assistance by vessels in distress on the high seas, it was natural that early legislation relating to the regulation of the radio industry should arise from the committee. However, the rapid development of the industry and its concentration upon the perfection of land broadcasting placed the committee in the position of having jurisdiction over an industry more related to interstate commerce by land than by sea, and in the first session of the 74th Congress the subject of radio was transferred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce in exchange for jurisdiction over six subjects which, while in a large sense separate and distinct from one another, when taken together have perfected the committee's jurisdiction over legislation relating to the maritime industry.

These subjects were: (1) jurisdiction over all transportation by water—inland, coastwise, and ocean-going, the jurisdiction of the committee formerly having been limited mainly to transportation by water along the coasts, on the Great Lakes and

in connection with ocean shipping; (2) Coast Guard and life-saving service; (3) Coast and Geodetic Survey; (4) lighthouses and lightships, ocean derelicts, and general aids to navigation; (5) Public Health Service; and (6) legislation relating to the Panama Canal. There has been left within the jurisdiction of the committee the regulation of ship radio installation and operation because of its importance to the protection of life and property at sea.

Some of the many problems acted upon by the committee may be stated as follows: shipbuilding; admission of foreign-built ships to American registry; registering and licensing of vessels, including pleasure yachts; tonnage taxes, regulation of Panama Canal toll charges; fines and penalties on vessels; navigation and laws relating thereto; names and measuring of vessels; rules and international arrangements to prevent collisions at sea, on the Great Lakes and the inland waters, including bays, harbors and sounds; the shipping, discipline, wages, treatment and health of seamen, including establishment of marine schools for nautical training; vessel inspection as to hulls, machinery and equipment, and reorganization of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, Department of Commerce, to provide for greater efficiency; lights and signals; safety measures, such as fire protection, sub-division of hulls, vessel stability, etc., to promote safe transportation of persons and property; establishment of coasting districts; regulation of smaller vessels, such as motorboats; transportation of inflammable and explosive cargoes; titles, conduct and licensing of officers of vessels; regulation of entrance and clearance of vessels from domestic ports; the extension and increase of the merchant marine through construction and operation of differential subsidies and other forms of Government aid; and legislation

increasing the efficiency of the Coast Guard, Light-house Service, and Public Health Service.

The committee's jurisdiction over fisheries involves the problems of establishing fish-cultural stations; provision for cooperative fishermen organizations for the orderly marketing of fishery products; aids in vessel construction, reconditioning and purchase of

necessary equipment; authorization of scientific re-search work for the benefit of the fishery industry; conservation of the natural fishery resources of the nation, including protection of both fish and game in many instances; regulation of the Alaskan fisheries; and general legislation looking to the rehabilitation of the fishery industry.

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Committee on MEMORIALS

By REP. PETE JARMAN, *Chairman*

● It was formerly customary to memorialize members of the House individually, the service generally occurring on Sunday shortly following the death of the colleague. This caused innumerable separate exercises at times when many members were not available. The resulting small attendance prompted the formation of this Committee on January 3, 1929, with the primary duty of making all arrangements for an annual memorial exercise for all departed colleagues and members of the Senate who have passed on during the year.

No legislation is ordinarily referred to this Committee and its primary function sounds simple. Such

is by no means the case, however, if it is carried out properly and the innumerable details which add much to such an occasion, both before and after its occurrence, are painstakingly and carefully attended to.

This is the only standing committee of the House for which no clerk is authorized and it is very much in need of one.

The membership of the Committee on Memorials:

1. Pete Jarman, <i>Chairman</i>	Alabama
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