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THE MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

December 3, 1920.

The regular autumn meeting of The Maritime Law Association of the United States was held at the house of the Association of the Bar, 42 West 44th Street, New York City, December 3, 1920, at 4 P. M.

There were present:

HON. CHARLES M. HOUGH,
HON. HARRINGTON PUTNAM,
HON. GEORGE C. HOLT,
EVERETT P. WHEELER,
WILLIAM H. BLYMYER,
WILLIAM F. PURDY,
WILLIAM VAN WYCK,
HORACE L. CHEYNEY,
A. HOWARD NEELY,
RUSSELL H. LOINES,
HENRY H. LITTLE,
C. C. BURLINGHAM,
OSCAR R. HOUSTON,
HOWARD M. LONG,
CHARLES R. HICKOX,
A. GORDON MURRAY.

The President stated that the Committee on Merchant Marine had given some consideration to the effect and operation of the so-called Jones Bill, which became a law June 6, 1920. The bill affects the reorganization of the United States Shipping Board and the disposition of the ships built by the Emergency Fleet Corporation as a part of the war program of the country in the War against the German Government, declared April 6, 1917. That at the last meeting of the Association the committee was instructed to co-operate with the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of New York, but as that Committee had not been active, an oppor-

tunity had not been presented for any conferences or co-operation.

The President further stated that a matter of special interest to the Association was the effect on the shipping interests of the country of the recent decision of the Supreme Court in *Knickerbocker Ice Co. vs. Stewart*, 253 U. S. 149. After some discussion, on motion duly made by Mr. Burlingham and seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

“That the President appoint a committee of three, with whom he shall also act, to consider legislation designed to provide workmen’s compensation or the equivalent therefor, in respect of seamen, stevedores, longshoremen, workers in shipyards and marine laborers generally. The President shall act as Chairman, and have authority to call for assistance from the Executive Committee.”

Pursuant to such resolution the President appointed the following committee: Messrs: Russell A. Loines and Ira A. Campbell, of New York, and Mr. Alfred Huger, of Charleston, South Carolina.

The Secretary presented a letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Revision of the Admiralty Rules which stated that the proposed revised Rules had been presented to the Court, which had taken them under consideration, and the Court’s pleasure in respect to them would shortly be known so that a more complete report could be made at the May meeting.*

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully,

A. GORDON MURRAY

Secretary

56 Pine Street,

New York City, N. Y.

* By an order of the Supreme Court dated December 6, 1920, the Rules were ordered promulgated.

** There is annexed a revised list of the members of the Association as of December 31, 1920.