

[No. 18.]—Joint Resolution Instructing the Attorney-General to institute certain suits, and so forth.

April 30, 1908.  
[S. J. R. 48.]

[Pub. Res., No. 18.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Attorney-General of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to institute and prosecute any and all suits in equity, actions at law, and other proceedings which he may deem adequate and appropriate to enforce any and all rights and remedies of the United States of America in any manner arising or growing out of or pertaining to either or any of the following-described Acts of Congress, to wit: "An Act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific Railroad in California to Portland, in Oregon," approved July twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, as amended by the Acts approved June twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and April tenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine; also "An Act granting lands to the State of Oregon to aid in the construction of a military wagon road from the navigable waters of Coos Bay to Roseburg, in said State," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine; also "An Act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from Portland to Astoria and McMinnville, in the State of Oregon," approved May fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy, including all rights and remedies in any manner relating to the lands, or any part thereof, granted by either or any of said Acts; and in and by any and all such suits, actions, or proceedings the Attorney-General shall, in such manner as he shall deem appropriate, assert all rights and remedies existing in favor of the United States relating to the subject of such suits, actions, and proceedings, including the claim on behalf of the United States that the lands granted by each of said Acts respectively, or any part thereof, have been and are forfeited to the United States by reason of any breaches or violations of any of the terms or conditions of either or any of said Acts which may be alleged and established in any such suits, actions, or proceedings; it not being intended hereby to determine the right of the United States to any such forfeiture or forfeitures, but it being intended to fully authorize the Attorney-General in and by such suits, actions, or proceedings to assert on behalf of the United States and the court or courts before which such suits, actions, or proceedings may be instituted or pending to entertain, consider, and adjudicate the claim and right of the United States to such forfeiture or forfeitures, and if found to enforce the same: *Resolved further*, That the authority and direction hereinbefore given shall extend to any and all suits, actions, or proceedings which may be instituted or pending under the authority of the Attorney-General at the time of the adoption and approval hereof.*

Approved, April 30, 1908.

Oregon.  
Suits to be brought for forfeiture of certain railroad and wagon-road grants in.

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Vol. 15, p. 80.  
Vol. 16, p. 47.

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Vol. 16, p. 94.

Rights of United States to be asserted.

Claims to be adjudicated and enforced.

All suits instituted, etc., included.

[No. 19.]—Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of War to loan certain tents for use at the national convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to be held at Dallas, Texas, in July, nineteen hundred and eight.

May 4, 1908.  
[H. J. R. 155.]

[Pub. Res., No. 19.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to loan, at his discretion, to the executive committee of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Dallas, Texas, having in charge the arrangements for the national convention of Elks to be held in Dallas, Texas, in July, nineteen hundred and eight, two thousand five hundred tents, with poles, ridges, and pins for each: *Provided*, That no expense shall be caused the United States Government by the delivery and return of such*

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Dallas, Tex.  
Loan of tents to.

*Providos.*  
No expense, etc.

property, the same to be delivered to said committee designated at such time prior to the date of said convention as may be agreed upon by the Secretary of War and William H. Atwell, chairman of said executive committee: *And provided further*, That the Secretary of War shall, before delivering such property, take from said William H. Atwell a good and sufficient bond for the safe return of said property in good order and condition, and the whole without expense to the United States.

Bond.

Approved, May 4, 1908.

May 11, 1908.  
[H. J. R. 173.]

[Pub. Res., No. 20.]

[No. 20.]—Joint Resolution For the relief of the sufferers from the cyclone which occurred in the States of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana on April twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and eight.

Southern cyclone.  
Relief for sufferers  
in Georgia, Alabama,  
Mississippi, and Loui-  
siana.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to procure, in open market or otherwise, subsistence and quartermaster supplies, medicines, and medical aid, in addition to such supplies belonging to the military establishment and available, and issue same to such destitute persons as have been rendered homeless or are in needy circumstances as the result of the cyclone which occurred April twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and eight, in the States of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, and in executing this joint resolution is directed to cooperate with the authorities of the said States.

Appropriation.

*Ante*, p. 570.  
*Infra*.

SEC. 2. That to enable the Secretary of War to execute the provisions of this joint resolution and of the joint resolution on the same subject adopted April twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and eight, there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction and in the discretion of the Secretary of War.

Approved, May 11, 1908.

May 11, 1908.  
[H. J. R. 179.]

[Pub. Res., No. 21.]

[No. 21.]—Joint Resolution Amending the Joint Resolution for the relief of storm sufferers in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Louisiana, approved April thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eight.

Southern cyclone.  
Relief extended to  
sufferers in Texas,  
Arkansas, and Ten-  
nessee.

*Ante*, p. 570.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the provisions and benefits of Public Resolution Numbered seventeen, for the relief of storm sufferers in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Louisiana, approved April thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eight, be extended to the sufferers from the same storm or cyclone in Texas, Arkansas, and Tennessee, and that the Secretary of War be and he is hereby authorized and directed to grant the same relief to persons in Texas, Arkansas, and Tennessee, whose property was injured or destroyed, as provided in the original resolution for citizens of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

Approved, May 11, 1908.