

other subject matter of the application conditionally approved to forfeiture in the same manner, as though the act conditionally approved had been done without the approval of the board, but the offense shall be deemed to have been committed at the time of the violation of the condition.

"Whenever by this Act the approval of the board is required to render any act or transaction lawful, whoever knowingly makes any false statement of a material fact to the board, or to any member thereof, or to any officer, attorney, or agent thereof, for the purpose of securing such approval, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000 or to imprisonment for not more than five years, or both.

Punishment for false statements, etc., to Board.

"SEC. 42. That any vessel registered, enrolled, or licensed under the laws of the United States shall be deemed to continue to be documented under the laws of the United States within the meaning of subdivision (b) of section thirty-seven, until such registry, enrollment, or license is surrendered with the approval of the board, the provisions of any other Act of Congress to the contrary notwithstanding.

Registry, etc., continuous until surrender accepted by Board.

"SEC. 43. That the fact that a war or emergency has ended shall, for the purposes of this Act, be evidenced by a proclamation of the President.

Evidence of end of war.

"SEC. 44. That this Act may be cited as 'Shipping Act, 1916.' "

Title given.

Approved, July 15, 1918.

**CHAP. 153.**—An Act To pension widows and minor children of officers and enlisted men who served in the War with Spain, Philippine insurrection, or in China.

July 16, 1918.  
[S. 4444.]

[Public, No. 199.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after the passage of this Act if any volunteer officer or enlisted man who served ninety days or more in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States, during the War with Spain or the Philippine insurrection, between April twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and July fourth, nineteen hundred and two, inclusive, service to be computed from date of enlistment to date of discharge, or any officer or enlisted man of the Regular Establishment who rendered ninety days or more actual military or naval service in the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps in the War with Spain or the Philippine insurrection between April twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and July fourth, nineteen hundred and two, inclusive, or as a participant in the Chinese Boxer rebellion campaign between June sixteenth, nineteen hundred, and October first, nineteen hundred, and who has been honorably discharged therefrom, has died or shall hereafter die leaving a widow without means of support other than her daily labor, and an actual net income not exceeding \$250 per year, or leaving a minor child or children under the age of sixteen years, such widow shall upon due proof of her husband's death, without proving his death to be the result of his Army or Navy service, be placed on the pension roll from the date of the filing of her application therefor under this Act, at the rate of \$12 per month during her widowhood, and shall also be paid \$2 per month for each child of such officer or enlisted man under sixteen years of age, and in case of the death or remarriage of the widow, leaving a child or children of such officer or enlisted man under the age of sixteen years, such pension shall be paid such child or children until the age of sixteen: *Provided,* That in case a minor child is insane, idiotic, or otherwise permanently helpless, the pension shall continue during the life of said child, or during the period of such disability, and shall commence from the date of application

Pensions.  
Granted widows, etc. of volunteers in War with Spain, Philippines, and China.

In Regular Army, etc.

Condition.

Amount.

Minor children.

Provisos.  
Helpless, etc., child.

Marriage require-  
ment.

No pension reduced.

Attorneys' fee lim-  
ited.

Punishment for vio-  
lations.

therefor after the passage of this Act: *Provided further*, That said widow shall have married said officer or enlisted man previous to the passage of this Act: *Provided, however*, That this Act shall not be so construed as to reduce any pension under any Act, public or private.

SEC. 2. That no agent, attorney, or other person engaged in preparing, presenting, or prosecuting any claim under the provisions of this Act shall, directly or indirectly, contract for, demand, receive, or retain for such services in preparing, presenting, or prosecuting such claim a sum greater than \$10, which sum shall be payable only on the order of the Commissioner of Pensions; and any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section, or shall wrongfully withhold from the pensioner or claimant the whole or any part of a pension or claim allowed or due such pensioner or claimant under this Act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall, for each and every offense, be fined not exceeding \$500 or be imprisoned not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Approved, July 16, 1918.

July 16, 1918.  
[H. J. Res. 309.]

[Pub. Res. No. 38.]

**CHAP. 154.**—Joint Resolution To authorize the President, in time of war, to supervise or take possession and assume control of any telegraph, telephone, marine cable, or radio system or systems or any part thereof and to operate the same in such manner as may be needful or desirable for the duration of the war, and to provide just compensation therefor.

Telegraph, telephone,  
etc., systems.

Possession, opera-  
tion, etc., of, by the  
President authorized.

Post, p. 1807.

Post, p. 1617.

To end with close of  
war.

Provisos.  
Compensation.

Suit, etc., if amount  
unsatisfactory.

Procedure.  
Vol. 36, pp. 1093, 1136.

State tax, police, etc.,  
powers not impaired.

Exception.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President during the continuance of the present war is authorized and empowered, whenever he shall deem it necessary for the national security or defense, to supervise or to take possession and assume control of any telegraph, telephone, marine cable, or radio system or systems, or any part thereof, and to operate the same in such manner as may be needful or desirable for the duration of the war, which supervision, possession, control, or operation shall not extend beyond the date of the proclamation by the President of the exchange of ratifications of the treaty of peace: *Provided*, That just compensation shall be made for such supervision, possession, control, or operation, to be determined by the President; and if the amount thereof, so determined by the President, is unsatisfactory to the person entitled to receive the same, such person shall be paid seventy-five per centum of the amount so determined by the President and shall be entitled to sue the United States to recover such further sum as, added to said seventy-five per centum, will make up such amount as will be just compensation therefor, in the manner provided for by section twenty-four, paragraph twenty, and section one hundred and forty-five of the Judicial Code: *Provided further*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to amend, repeal, impair, or affect existing laws or powers of the States in relation to taxation or the lawful police regulations of the several States, except wherein such laws, powers, or regulations may affect the transmission of Government communications, or the issue of stocks and bonds by such system or systems.

Approved, July 16, 1918.

July 18, 1918.  
[H. R. 10069.]

[Public, No. 200.]

**CHAP. 155.**—An Act Making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes.

River and harbor  
appropriations.

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