

Legislative.

## LEGISLATIVE.

Senate.

SENATE.

Mileage.

For mileage of Senators, \$51,000.

House of Representatives.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mileage.

For mileage of Representatives and Delegates and expenses of Resident Commissioners, \$175,000.

Approved, December 15, 1917.

December 18, 1917.

[H. J. Res. 193.]

[Pub. Res., No. 18.]

Congressional officers, etc., to be paid December, 1917, salaries on day of adjournment for holiday recess.

Clerk hire of Members and Delegates.

**CHAP. 4.**—Joint Resolution Authorizing the payment of salaries of officers and employees of Congress for December, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives are authorized and instructed to pay the officers and employees of the Senate and House of Representatives, including the Capitol police, their respective salaries for the month of December, nineteen hundred and seventeen, on the day of adjournment of the present session for the holiday recess; and the Clerk of the House is authorized to pay on the same day to Members, Delegates, and Resident Commissioners their allowance for clerk hire for the said month of December.

Approved, December 18, 1917.

December 20, 1917.

[H. R. 6967.]

[Public, No. 93.]

Naval Academy. Allowance of midshipmen increased. R. S., sec. 1513, p. 260, amended. Vol. 39, pp. 9, 576, 1182.

Inconsistent laws repealed.

**CHAP. 5.**—An Act To increase the number of midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter there shall be allowed at the United States Naval Academy five midshipmen for each Senator, Representative, and Delegate in Congress, one for Porto Rico, two for the District of Columbia, fifteen appointed each year at large, and one hundred appointed annually from enlisted men of the Navy, as now authorized by law.

**SEC. 2.** That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, December 20, 1917.

December 20, 1917.

[S. 2334.]

[Public, No. 94.]

Public lands. Homesteaders allowed leave of absence for farm labor elsewhere.

Protees. Notice before leaving claim.

**CHAP. 6.**—An Act To authorize absence by homestead settlers and entrymen, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That during the pendency of the existing war any homestead settler or entryman shall be entitled to a leave of absence from his land for the purpose of performing farm labor, and such absence, while actually engaged in farm labor, shall, upon compliance with the terms of this Act, be counted as constructive residence: *Provided,* That each settler or entryman within fifteen days after leaving his claim for the purpose herein provided shall file notice thereof in the United States Land Office, and at the expiration of the calendar year file in said land office of the district wherein his claim is situated a written statement, under oath and corroborated by two witnesses, giving the date or dates when he left his claim, date or

dates of return thereto, and where and for whom he was engaged in farm labor during such period or periods of absence: *Provided further*, That nothing herein shall excuse any homestead settler or entryman from making improvements or performing the cultivation required by applicable law upon his claim or entry: *Provided further*, That the provisions of this Act shall apply only to homestead settlers and entrymen who may have filed their application prior to the passage of this Act. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to provide rules and regulations for carrying this Act into effect.

Approved, December 20, 1917.

Cultivation, etc., required.

Restricted to present applications.

**CHAP. 7.**—Joint Resolution Extending the commission provided for in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and for other purposes," approved March third, nineteen hundred and seventeen, with the same authorities, powers, and provisions until on or before March first, nineteen hundred and eighteen.

December 26, 1917.  
[S. J. Res. 114.]

[Pub. Res., No. 16.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the personnel of the membership of the commission created and provided for in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and for other purposes," approved March third, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and authorized and directed to investigate the value of the pneumatic-tube service, their properties, franchises, and other equipment, shall continue with the same authorities, powers, and provisions for expenses until final report is made to Congress, which shall be made on or before March first, nineteen hundred and eighteen.

Postal service.  
Pneumatic-tube service investigation commission continued to March 1, 1918.  
Vol. 39, p. 1063.

Approved, December 26, 1917.

**CHAP. 8.**—Joint Resolution Extending until January first, nineteen hundred and nineteen, the effective date of section ten of the Act entitled "An Act to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies, and for other purposes," approved October fifteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen.

January 12, 1918.  
[S. J. Res. 106.]

[Pub. Res., No. 20.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the effective date on and after which the provisions of section ten of the Act entitled "An Act to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies, and for other purposes," approved October fifteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, shall become and be effective is hereby deferred and extended to January first, nineteen hundred and nineteen: *Provided*, That said section shall become effective on January eighth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, as to any corporations hereafter organized.

Antitrust Act, 1914.  
Common carrier prohibited dealing with corporation in which officers interested.  
Effective date extended.  
Vol. 38, p. 734.  
Vol. 39, pp. 674, 1201.

Proviso.  
Application to new corporations.

Approved, January 12, 1918.

**CHAP. 9.**—An Act Amending section thirty-two, Federal Farm Loan Act, approved July seventeenth, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

January 18, 1918.  
[S. 323A.]

[Public. No. 95.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Federal Farm Loan Act, approved July seventeenth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, is hereby amended by adding at the end of section thirty-two the following:

Federal Farm Loan Act, 1916.  
Vol. 39, p. 384, amended.

"The Secretary of the Treasury is further authorized, in his discretion, upon the request of the Federal Farm Loan Board, from time

Farm loan bonds.  
Purchase by Treasury from bank issuing