

tation of military or naval property of the United States moving for military or naval and not for civil use or to the transportation of members of the military or naval forces of the United States (or property of such members) when such members are traveling on official duty;” so that said subsection, as so amended, shall read as follows:

“SEC. 321. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, but subject to the provisions of sections 1 (7) and 22 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, the full applicable commercial rates, fares, or charges shall be paid for transportation by any common carrier subject to such Act of any persons or property for the United States, or on its behalf, and the rate determined by the Interstate Commerce Commission as reasonable therefor shall be paid for the transportation by railroad of the United States mail: *Provided, however,* That any carrier by railroad and the United States may enter into contracts for the transportation of the United States mail for less than such rate: *Provided further,* That section 3709, Revised Statutes (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 41, sec. 5), shall not hereafter be construed as requiring advertising for bids in connection with the procurement of transportation services when the services required can be procured from any common carrier lawfully operating in the territory where such services are to be performed.”

SEC. 2. The amendment made by section 1 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 1946: *Provided, however,* That any travel or transportation specifically contracted for prior to such effective date shall be paid for at the rate, fare, or charge in effect at the time of entering into such contract of carriage or shipment.

SEC. 3. The Interstate Commerce Commission, in the exercise of its power to prescribe just and reasonable rates, fares, and charges, shall give due consideration to the increased revenues which carriers will receive as a result of the enactment of this Act, so that such increased revenues will be reflected in appropriate readjustments in rates, fares, and charges to shippers.

Approved December 12, 1945.

[CHAPTER 575]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To limit the operation of sections 109 and 113 of the Criminal Code, and sections 361, 365, and 366 of the Revised Statutes, and certain other provisions of law.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That nothing in section 109 or 113 of the Criminal Code (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 18, secs. 198 and 203), or in section 361, 365, or 366 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 5, secs. 306, 314, and 315), or in any other provision of Federal law imposing restrictions, requirements, or penalties in relation to the employment of persons, the performance of services, or the payment or receipt of compensation in connection with any claim, proceeding, or matter involving the United States, shall apply with respect to counsel serving under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 27, Seventy-ninth Congress, first session, passed by the Senate on September 6, 1945, and passed by the House of Representatives on September 11, 1945.

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Rates, etc.
41 Stat. 475; 24 Stat.
387.
49 U. S. C. § 1 (7);
Supp. IV, § 22.

U. S. mail.

Advertising for bids.

Effective date.
Prior contracts.

Readjustments.

December 14, 1945
[S. J. Res. 110]
[Public Law 257]

Limitation of operation of designated statutes.
35 Stat. 1107, 1109.
18 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 198 note.

Post, p. 845.

[CHAPTER 576]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for national elections in the Philippine Islands.

December 14, 1945
[S. J. Res. 119]
[Public Law 258]

Whereas the interruption of constitutional processes of government in the Philippine Islands due to enemy occupation has prevented the holding of elections in 1943 and 1945 as provided by the constitution of the Philippines; and

48 U. S. C., Supp. IV.
§ 1232 note.

Whereas the term of office of the President of the Philippines has been continued by the joint resolution of November 12, 1943 (57 Stat. 590), until such time as a successor has been elected and qualified; and

Whereas the Philippine Congress under the terms of the constitution of the Philippines cannot convene after December 30, 1945, because the terms of office of Members of the House of Representatives and of two-thirds of the Members of the Philippine Senate will have expired on that date; and

Whereas the liberation of the Philippines and the restoration of constitutional processes of democracy in the Commonwealth now permit the holding of an election in the immediate future; and

Whereas the members of the electoral commission responsible for the conduct of the elections have already been appointed by the Commonwealth government in accordance with the constitution and laws of the Commonwealth; and

Whereas the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Philippines makes no provision for the emergency in which elections though of vital necessity cannot be held at the regularly scheduled time; and

Whereas it is the desire of the United States to fulfill her pledge to prepare the Philippines for independence and to make possible that grant of independence in accordance with existing law: Now, therefore, be it

National elections
under Commonwealth
of the Philippines.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That elections shall be held for national elective offices under the Commonwealth of the Philippines not later than April 30, 1946. The present Philippine Congress shall fix the date for such elections, and the date fixed shall not be subsequent to April 30, 1946. Should the present Philippine Congress fail to fix such date, then April 30, 1946, is hereby fixed as the date elections shall be held for national elective offices under the Commonwealth of the Philippines.

Assumption of office
and convening of Con-
gress.

SEC. 2. The President and Vice President then elected, the Senators then elected (who shall be all but those then in office whose terms continue until December 30, 1947), and the Members of the House of Representatives shall take office, and the elected Philippine Congress shall convene in regular session not later than May 28, 1946. The present Philippine Congress shall fix the date or dates for the assumption of office and for the convening of the elected Philippine Congress in regular session, and the date or dates fixed shall not be subsequent to May 28, 1946. Should the present Philippine Congress fail to fix such date or dates, then May 28, 1946, is hereby fixed as the date for assumption of office and the convening of the elected Philippine Congress in regular session.

Expiration of terms
of office.

SEC. 3. The terms of office of the President, Vice President, and Representatives then elected shall expire on the date which would have been the case had they assumed office on December 30, 1945. The terms of office of eight of the Senators elected at such elections shall expire on the date which would have been the case had they assumed office on December 30, 1945; and the terms of eight Senators