

Capital stock increased.

SEC. 3. That said company is authorized to increase its capital stock one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars for the purpose of enabling it to extend and equip its line as provided in this act.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 4. That unless said extensions are commenced within three months and the cars run thereon within one year from the passage of this act the authority herein granted shall be void: *Provided*, That said company shall have one year to complete the North Capitol Street Branch after said street is opened and graded.

*Proviso.*  
North Capitol street route.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 5. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend or repeal this act.

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SEC. 6. This act shall be considered as an amendment to the act of June nineteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, granting a charter to the Eckington and Soldiers' Home Railroad, and shall be construed as being subject to all limitations and conditions of said original act except as specifically provided otherwise herein. That the authority of said company by this act or any other act conferred to erect or use overhead wires in its operations within the city of Washington shall absolutely cease and determine on the first day of July, anno Domino eighteen hundred and ninety-three.

Judicial construction.

Use of overhead wires to cease.

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**CHAP. 173.**—An act for the organization, improvement, and maintenance of the National Zoological Park.

National Zoological Park appropriations.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the one-half of the following sums named, respectively, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and the other half out of the revenues of the District of Columbia, for the organization, improvement, and maintenance of the National Zoological Park, to be expended under the direction of the regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and to be drawn on their requisition and disbursed by the disbursing officer for said institution:

Half from District revenues.

Shelter of animals.

For the shelter of animals, fifteen thousand dollars.

Custody of animals.

For shelter-barns, cages, fences, and inclosures, and other provisions for the custody of animals, nine thousand dollars.

Repairs to Holt mansion.

For repairs to the Holt mansion, to make the same suitable for occupancy, and for office furniture, two thousand dollars.

Artificial ponds, etc.

For the creation of artificial ponds and other provisions for aquatic animals, two thousand dollars.

Water supply, etc.

For water supply, sewerage, and drainage, seven thousand dollars.

Roads, etc.

For roads, walks, and bridges, fifteen thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous supplies, etc.

For miscellaneous supplies, materials, and sundry incidental expenses not otherwise provided for, five thousand dollars.

Current expenses.

For current expenses, including the maintenance of collections, food supplies, salaries of all necessary employees, and the acquisition and transportation of specimens, thirty-seven thousand dollars.

Under administration of Smithsonian Institution.

SEC. 2. That the National Zoological Park is hereby placed under the directions of the regents of the Smithsonian Institution, who are authorized to transfer to it any living specimens, whether of animals or plants, now or hereafter in their charge, to accept gifts for the park at their discretion, in the name of the United States, to make exchanges of specimens, and to administer the said Zoological Park for the advancement of science and the instruction and recreation of the people.

Heads of Executive Departments to render aid.

SEC. 3. That the heads of executive departments of the Government are hereby authorized and directed to cause to be rendered all necessary and practicable aid to the said regents in the acquisition of collections for the Zoological Park.

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