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[No. 8.] Joint Resolution Instructing the Interstate Commerce Commission to make examinations into the subject of railroad discriminations and monopolies in coal and oil, and report on the same from time to time.

March 7, 1906.
[S. J. R. 32.]
[Pub. Res., No. 8.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Interstate Commerce Commission be, and is hereby, authorized and instructed immediately to inquire, investigate, and report to Congress, or to the President when Congress is not in session, from time to time as the investigation proceeds—

Interstate Commerce Commission.
Railroad discrimination, etc., in transporting coal and oil.
Investigation authorized.
Ante, p. 705.

First. Whether any common carriers by railroad, subject to the interstate-commerce Act, or either of them, own or have any interest in, by means of stock ownership in other corporations or otherwise, any of the coal or oil which they, or either of them, directly or through other companies which they control or in which they have an interest, carry over their or any of their lines as common carriers, or in any manner own, control, or have any interest in coal lands or properties or oil lands or properties.

Scope of investigation.
Interests of railroads in coal and oil properties.

Second. Whether the officers of any of the carrier companies aforesaid, or any of them, or any person or persons charged with the duty of distributing cars or furnishing facilities to shippers are interested, either directly or indirectly, by means of stock ownership or otherwise in corporations or companies owning, operating, leasing, or otherwise interested in any coal mines, coal properties, or coal traffic, oil, oil properties, or oil traffic over the railroads with which they or any of them are connected or by which they or any of them are employed.

Officers, etc., owning stock who control distribution of cars.

Third. Whether there is any contract, combination in the form of trust, or otherwise, or conspiracy in restraint of trade or commerce among the several States, in which any common carrier engaged in the transportation of coal or oil is interested, or to which it is a party; and whether any such common carrier monopolizes or attempts to monopolize, or combines or conspires with any other carrier, company or companies, person or persons to monopolize any part of the trade or commerce in coal or oil, or traffic therein among the several States or with foreign nations, and whether or not, and if so, to what extent, such carriers, or any of them, limit or control, directly or indirectly, the output of coal mines or the price of coal and oil fields or the price of oil.

Conspiracy, etc., to restrain interstate commerce.
Monopolizing trade, etc.
Limiting, etc., the output of coal mines, etc.

Fourth. If the Interstate Commerce Commission shall find that the facts or any of them set forth in the three paragraphs above do exist, then that it be further required to report as to the effect of such relationship, ownership, or interest in coal or coal properties and coal traffic, or oil, oil properties, or oil traffic aforesaid, or such contracts or combinations in form of trust or otherwise, or conspiracy or such monopoly or attempt to monopolize or combine or conspire as aforesaid, upon such person or persons as may be engaged independently of any other persons in mining coal or producing oil and shipping the same, or other products, who may desire to so engage, or upon the general public as consumers of such coal or oil.

Report as to effect upon independent operators, etc.

Fifth. That said Commission be also required to investigate and report the system of car supply and distribution in effect upon the several railway lines engaged in the transportation of coal or oil as aforesaid, and whether said systems are fair and equitable, and whether the same are carried out fairly and properly; and whether said carriers, or any of them, discriminate against shippers or parties wishing to become shippers over their several lines, either in the matter of distribution of cars or in furnishing facilities or instrumentalities connected with receiving, forwarding, or carrying coal or oil as aforesaid.

Report on system of car supply and distribution.

Sixth. That said Commission be also required to report as to what remedy it can suggest to cure the evils above set forth, if they exist.

Report on remedies.

On other facts, etc.

Seventh. That said Commission be also required to report any facts or conclusions which it may think pertinent to the general inquiry above set forth.

Early investigation, etc.

Eighth. That said Commission be required to make this investigation at its earliest possible convenience and to furnish the information above required from time to time and as soon as it can be done consistent with the performance of its public duty.

Infra.

Approved, March 7, 1906.

March 15, 1906.
[H. J. R. 83.]

[Pub. Res., No. 9.]

[No. 9.] Joint Resolution For a report, and so forth, upon the preservation of Niagara Falls.

Niagara Falls.
International Commission to report on preservation of.
Vol. 32, p. 373.
Ante, p. 626.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the members representing the United States upon the International Commission created by section four of the river and harbor Act of June thirteenth, nineteen hundred and two, be requested to report to Congress, at an early day, what action is, in their judgment, necessary and desirable to prevent the further depletion of water flowing over Niagara Falls; and the said members are also requested and directed to exert, in conjunction with the members of said Commission representing the Dominion of Canada, if practicable, all possible efforts for the preservation of the said Niagara Falls in their natural condition.

Approved, March 15, 1906.

March 21, 1906.
[H. J. R. 97.]

[Pub. Res., No. 10.]

[No. 10.] Joint Resolution Authorizing assignment of pay of teachers and other employees of the Bureau of Education in Alaska.

Alaska.
Teachers employed by Bureau of Education in, may assign pay.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to permit teachers and other employees of the United States Bureau of Education employed in Alaska to make assignments of their pay, under such regulations as he may prescribe, during such time as they may be in the employ of the Bureau of Education in Alaska; and the Secretary of the Interior is further authorized, in his discretion, under such regulations as he may prescribe, to reimburse school-teachers in Alaska for expenses incurred by them in the discharge of their duties and paid from their personal funds.

Reimbursement.

Approved, March 21, 1906.

March 21, 1906.
[H. J. R. 115.]

[Pub. Res., No. 11.]

[No. 11.] Joint Resolution Amending joint resolution instructing the Interstate Commerce Commission to make examinations into the subject of railroad discriminations and monopolies, and report on the same from time to time, approved March seventh, nineteen hundred and six.

Interstate Commerce Commission.
May investigate railroad discriminations, etc.
Supra.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That joint resolution instructing the Interstate Commerce Commission to make examinations into the subject of railroad discriminations and monopolies, and report on the same from time to time, approved March seventh, nineteen hundred and six, is hereby amended by adding the following thereto:

Powers to secure evidence given.

Ninth. To enable the Commission to perform the duties required and accomplish the purposes declared herein, the Commission shall have and exercise under this joint resolution the same power and authority