

shall exist and operate only during the continuance of the construction of said road in good faith, and in the event of unnecessary delay and failure in the construction and completion of said road the exemption from taxation herein provided shall cease and said tax shall be collectible as to so much of said road as shall have been completed.

"Third. Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act."

Amendment.

Approved, March 2, 1909.

CHAP. 240.—An Act To provide for holding sessions of the United States circuit and district courts at Springfield, Massachusetts.

March 2, 1909,
[S. 6074.]

[Public, No. 297.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter, and until otherwise provided by law, two sessions of the district and circuit courts of the United States for the district of Massachusetts shall be held in each and every year in the city of Springfield, Massachusetts, beginning, respectively, on the second Tuesday of May and the second Tuesday of December.

Massachusetts judicial district.
Terms of court, Springfield.
R. S., sec. 572, 658, pp. 99, 121.

SEC. 2. That the marshal and clerk of said district shall each, respectively, appoint at least one deputy, to reside in said city of Springfield, and he shall also maintain an office at that place.

Deputy marshal and clerk.

SEC. 3. That suitable rooms and accommodations shall be furnished for holding said courts free of expense to the Government of the United States until such time as a federal building shall be prepared for that purpose in said Springfield.

Court rooms.

Approved, March 2, 1909.

CHAP. 241.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to exchange property.

March 2, 1909.
[H. R. 15939.]

[Public, No. 298.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Commerce and Labor be, and he is hereby, authorized to exchange property now occupied by the Light-House Board at Ashtabula, Ohio, for other property of not less value at another location and to make a contract for such exchange.

Ashtabula, Ohio.
Change of light-house property.

Approved, March 2, 1909.

CHAP. 242.—An Act Providing for an additional judge for the southern district of New York, and for other purposes.

March 2, 1909.
[H. R. 19655.]

[Public, No. 299.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint an additional judge for the southern district of New York, whose length of term, compensation, duties, and powers shall be the same as now provided by law for the judges of said district.

New York southern judicial district.
Additional judge authorized.
R. S., sec. 551, p. 93.
Vol. 32, p. 805.
Vol. 34, p. 202.

SEC. 2. That that part of section six hundred and thirteen of the Revised Statutes which reads as follows: "and at every such term held by said judge of said eastern district he shall receive the sum of three hundred dollars, the same to be paid in the manner now prescribed by law for the payment of the expenses of another district judge while holding court in said district," is hereby repealed.

Payment for services of judge, eastern district, repealed.
R. S., sec. 613, p. 108, amended.

Approved, March 2, 1909.