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Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate if existing rates are unjust, discriminatory, etc.

That the Interstate Commerce Commission is authorized and directed to make a thorough investigation of the rate structure of common carriers subject to the interstate commerce act, in order to determine to what extent and in what manner existing rates and charges may be unjust, unreasonable, unjustly discriminatory, or unduly preferential, thereby imposing undue burdens, or giving undue advantage as between the various localities and parts of the country, the various classes of traffic, and the various classes and kinds of commodities, and to make, in accordance with law, such changes, adjustments, and redistribution of rates and charges as may be found necessary to correct any defects so found to exist. In making any such change, adjustment, or redistribution the commission shall give due regard, among other factors, to the general and comparative levels in market value of the various classes and kinds of commodities as indicated over a reasonable period of years to a natural and proper development of the country as a whole, and to the maintenance of an adequate system of transportation. In the progress of such investigation the commission shall, from time to time, and as expeditiously as possible, make such decisions and orders as it may find to be necessary or appropriate upon the record then made in order to place the rates upon designated classes of traffic upon a just and reasonable basis with relation to other rates. Such investigation shall be conducted with due regard to other investigations or proceedings affecting rate adjustments which may be pending before the commission.

Defects to be corrected by necessary changes, etc.

Elements to be considered in making changes, etc.

Orders to be expeditiously issued to place rates in classes of traffic on just and reasonable basis.

Pending investigations to be considered.

Agricultural products and livestock.
Changes to be made for lowest possible rates on, compatible with adequate transportation service.

In view of the existing depression in agriculture, the commission is hereby directed to effect with the least practicable delay such lawful changes in the rate structure of the country as will promote the freedom of movement by common carriers of the products of agriculture affected by that depression, including livestock, at the lowest possible lawful rates compatible with the maintenance of adequate transportation service: *Provided*, That no investigation or proceeding resulting from the adoption of this resolution shall be permitted to delay the decision of cases now pending before the commission involving rates on products of agriculture, and that such cases shall be decided in accordance with this resolution.

Proviso.
Pending cases involving rates for agricultural products not to be delayed.

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CHAP. 121.—An Act Authorizing the Coast and Geodetic Survey to make seismological investigations, and for other purposes

Earthquakes.
Coast and Geodetic Survey to investigate, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Coast and Geodetic Survey is hereby authorized to make investigations and reports in seismology, including such investigations as have been heretofore performed by the Weather Bureau

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CHAP. 122.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the county of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, to construct a bridge across the Monongahela River in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Monongahela River.
Allegheny County may bridge, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the county of Allegheny, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Monongahela River at a point suitable to the interests of