

[CHAPTER 134.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

For the establishment of a commission for the construction of a Washington-Lincoln Memorial Gettysburg Boulevard connecting the present Lincoln Memorial in the city of Washington with the battlefield of Gettysburg in the State of Pennsylvania.

May 20, 1935.
[S. J. Res. 43.]
[Pub. Res., No. 19.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established a commission to be known as the United States Commission for the construction of a Washington-Lincoln Memorial Gettysburg Boulevard connecting the present Lincoln Memorial in the city of Washington with the battlefield of Gettysburg in the State of Pennsylvania (hereinafter referred to as the Commission), and to be composed of thirteen commissioners, as follows: The President of the United States; Presiding Officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, ex officio; two persons to be appointed by the President of the United States; one Senator from the State of Maryland and one Senator from the State of Pennsylvania, to be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate; the Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Agriculture; the Director, National Park Service, Department of Interior; Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia; and one Representative from the State of Maryland and one from the State of Pennsylvania, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The commissioners shall serve without compensation and shall select a chairman from among their number.

Washington-Lincoln
Memorial Gettysburg
Boulevard Commis-
sion.
Establishment,
composition, etc.

No compensation.

SEC. 2. That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$10,000, to be expended by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

Appropriation au-
thorized.

SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of the Commission to prepare a plan or plans in cooperation with the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Agriculture; the Highway Departments of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and District of Columbia to further commemorate the public services of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln by the construction of a boulevard or highway connecting the present Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument in the city of Washington with the Gettysburg battlefield in the State of Pennsylvania; and to give due and proper consideration to any plan or plans which may be submitted to it.

Preparation of plans,
etc.

SEC. 4. That the Commission, after selecting a chairman and a vice chairman from among its members, may employ a secretary and such other assistants as may be needed for clerical work connected with the duties of the Commission and may also engage the services of expert advisers, and may fix their respective compensations within the amount appropriated for such purposes.

Chairman, vice
chairman and secre-
tary.
Other personal serv-
ices.

SEC. 5. That the commissioners shall be paid their actual and necessary traveling, hotel, and other expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties out of the amount appropriated.

Travel, etc., ex-
penses.

SEC. 6. That the Commission shall on or before one year after the date of enactment of this resolution, make a report to the Congress, in order that enabling legislation may be enacted, provided such enabling legislation stipulates that the said highway or boulevard shall be constructed by the Highway Departments of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and District of Columbia, under the supervision of the Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Agriculture, from funds provided by the said State of Pennsylvania,

Report to Congress.

Construction under
Federal supervision.

the said State of Maryland and the District of Columbia, including any future allocation of Federal-aid highway funds or grants to the said States of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and to the District of Columbia. The passage of this Act does not commit the United States to build the said highway or boulevard at Federal expense, and if authorized the Federal funds for the construction of the said highway or boulevard will be the allocations that may accrue to the said States and the District of Columbia in future appropriations of Federal-aid highway and grant funds. Any appropriations under the authority of this Act shall be deducted from the next regular apportionment or allocation of Federal-aid highway funds or Federal-grant highway funds, under existing or future authorizations as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture to Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

SEC. 7. That the term of Commission hereby created shall expire within one year after the completion of the proposed boulevard or highway.

SEC. 8. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved, May 20, 1935.

[CHAPTER 135.]

AN ACT

Granting a leave of absence to settlers of homestead lands during the year 1935.

May 22, 1935.
[S. 1776.]
[Public, No. 64.]

Public lands.
Homestead entry-
men; leaves of absence,
calendar year 1935.

Absence added to
statutory life of entry.

Proviso.
Installment payment
extension.

Interest payment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any homestead settler or entryman who, during the calendar year 1935, should find it necessary, because of economic conditions, to leave his homestead to seek employment in order to obtain the necessities of life for himself and family or to provide for the education of his children may, upon filing with the register of the district, his affidavit, supported by corroborating affidavits of two disinterested persons showing the necessity of such absence, be excused from compliance with the requirements of the homestead laws as to residence, cultivation, improvements, expenditures, or payment of purchase money, as the case may be, during all or any part of the calendar year 1935, and said entries shall not be open to contest or protest because of failure to comply with such requirements during such absence; except that the time of such absence shall not be deducted from the actual residence required by law, but a period equal to such absence shall be added to the statutory life of the entry: *Provided,* That any entryman holding an unperfected entry on ceded Indian lands may be excused from the requirements of residence upon the conditions provided herein, but shall not be entitled to extension of time for the payment of any installment of the purchase price of the land except upon proof satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior that the entryman is acting in good faith and is financially unable to make the payments due, and upon payment of interest, in advance, at the rate of 4 per centum per annum on the principal of any unpaid purchase price from the date when such payment or payments became due to and inclusive of the date of the expiration of the period of relief granted hereunder.

Approved, May 22, 1935.