"Interstate communication."
47 USC 153.

SEC. 2. So much of section 3 (e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, as follows the semicolon is amended to read as follows: "but shall not, with respect to the provisions of title II of this Act, include wire or radio communication between points in the same State, Territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, through any place outside thereof, if such communication is regulated by a State commission".

SEC. 3. Section 3 (u) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"Connecting carrier."
47 USC 221(b).

"(u) 'Connecting carrier' means a carrier described in clauses (2), (3), or (4) of section 2 (b)."

SEC. 4. Section 221 (b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

47 USC 301.
State telephone service.

"(b) Subject to the provisions of section 301, nothing in this Act shall be construed to apply, or to give the Commission jurisdiction, with respect to charges, classifications, practices, services, facilities, or regulations for or in connection with wire, mobile, or point-to-point radio telephone exchange service, or any combination thereof, even though a portion of such exchange service constitutes interstate or foreign communication, in any case where such matters are subject to regulation by a State commission or by local governmental authority."

Approved April 27, 1954.

Public Law 346 — CHAPTER 176

April 29, 1954
[H. R. 8539]

AN ACT

To extend the period of election under the Uniformed Services Contingency Option Act of 1953 for certain members of the uniformed services.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 (a) of the Uniformed Services Contingency Option Act of 1953 is amended by deleting in the third sentence the words "one hundred and eighty days" and substituting therefor the words "one year".

67 Stat. 502.
37 USC 372.

Approved April 29, 1954.

Public Law 347 — CHAPTER 177

April 30, 1954
[H. R. 3477]

AN ACT

To extend to the Canal Zone Government and the Panama Canal Company provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to facilitate the settlement of the accounts of certain deceased civilian officers and employees of the Government", approved August 3, 1950.

Canal Zone.
Deceased government employees.
64 Stat. 396.
5 USC 61h.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (b) of section 3 of the Act of August 3, 1950 (Public Law 636, Eighty-first Congress), is amended to read as follows:

"(b) Accounts not payable under section 3 (a) (with the exception of accounts of employees of the District of Columbia which shall be paid by the District of Columbia, accounts of employees of the Canal Zone Government on the Isthmus of Panama which shall be paid by the Canal Zone Government, and accounts of employees of wholly owned and mixed-ownership Government corporations which may be paid by such corporations) shall be payable on settlement of the General Accounting Office except as the Comptroller General may by regulation otherwise authorize or direct".