Transfer of lands by Federal agencies.

SEC. 202. (a) Any Federal agency and the District of Columbia having control and jurisdiction over any land at or near the site of the bridge shall transfer to the Secretary, upon his request, any such lands to be occupied by the bridge or approaches thereto.

Land in Maryland, acquisition.

(b) The Secretary may acquire by purchase or by condemnation any land in the State of Maryland, not under Federal or District jurisdiction or control, needed for the construction of such bridge, title to such land to be taken directly to and in the name of the United States. In case a price satisfactory to the Secretary cannot be agreed upon for the purchase of such land or in case the title cannot be made satisfactory to the Attorney General of the United States, then the latter is directed to procure such land by condemnation, and the expenses of procuring evidence of title, or condemnation, or both, shall be paid from funds made available for the purposes of this title.

Use of lands for preliminary work.

SEC. 203. (a) The Secretary may make such use of lands owned or controlled by the United States, at or adjacent to the site of the bridge, as may be necessary for making borings, performing other preliminary work, routing and rerouting traffic, constructing such bridge, approaches, and connecting roads, and storing materials incident to such preliminary work and to actual construction.

Traffic routing, etc.

(b) The Secretary may route and reroute and cause the routing and rerouting of traffic on, and close or cause to be closed, streets, roads, and highways under the jurisdiction of the United States, and negotiate for the closing of streets, roads, and highways by contact with Virginia, Maryland, and District authorities, when necessary in connection with the preparation of plans for, and during the actual construction of, the bridge.

Approaches, assurances of Va. and Md.

SEC. 204. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the Secretary shall not begin construction of the bridge above referred to until the State of Virginia and the State of Maryland have taken such steps as the Secretary deems adequate to give assurances that there will be constructed and maintained, by and in such States, such approaches to such bridge as will be reasonably adequate to make possible the full and efficient utilization of such bridge.

Appropriation.

SEC. 205. The sum of $14,925,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry out the provisions of this title.

SEC. 206. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this title is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved August 30, 1954.

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[S. J. Res. 147]

### JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish the Woodrow Wilson Centennial Celebration Commission, and for other purposes.

Woodrow Wilson Centennial Celebration Commission. Establishment.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That (a) there is hereby established a commission to be known as the "Woodrow Wilson Centennial Celebration Commission" (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") which shall be composed of twelve members as follows:

(1) Two members who shall be Members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) Two members who shall be members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

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(3) One member from the Department of the Interior who shall be the Director of the National Park Service, or his representative, and who shall serve as executive officer of the Commission; and

(4) Seven members to be appointed by the President after consideration of such recommendations as may be made, upon the request of the President, by the Governor of Virginia as to three of such members, by the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace Foundation, Incorporated, as to two of such members, and by the Woodrow Wilson Foundation as to two of such members.

(b) The President shall, at the time of appointment, designate one of the members appointed by him to serve as Chairman. The members of the Commission shall receive no salary but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

Functions.

SEC. 2. The functions of the Commission shall be to develop and to execute suitable plans for the celebration, in 1956, of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Woodrow Wilson in Staunton, Virginia. In carrying out these functions the Commission is authorized to cooperate with and to assist the Commission established by the State of Virginia to plan a centennial celebration, in 1956, of the birth of Woodrow Wilson, and to invite all the people of the United States to join therein.

Employees.

63 Stat. 954.
5 USC 1071 note.

SEC. 3. The Commission may employ, without regard to civil-service laws or the Classification Act of 1949, such employees as may be necessary in carrying out its functions.

SEC. 4. (a) The Commission is authorized to accept donations of money, property, or personal services; to cooperate with patriotic and historical societies and with institutions of learning; and to call upon other Federal departments or agencies for their advice and assistance in carrying out the purposes of this resolution. The Commission, to such extent as it finds to be necessary, may, without regard to the laws and procedures applicable to Federal agencies, procure supplies, services, and property and make contracts, and may exercise those powers that are necessary to enable it to carry out efficiently and in the public interest the purposes of this resolution.

(b) Expenditures of the Commission shall be paid by the executive officer of the Commission, who shall keep complete records of such expenditures and who shall account also for all funds received by the Commission. A report of the activities of the Commission, including an accounting of funds received and expended, shall be furnished by the Commission to the Congress within one year following the celebration as prescribed by this resolution. The Commission shall terminate upon submission of its report to the Congress.

Report to Congress.

Termination.

(c) Any property acquired by the Commission remaining upon termination of the celebration may be used by the Secretary of the Interior for purposes of the National Park System or may be disposed of as surplus property. The net revenues, after payment of Commission expenses, derived from Commission activities, shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States.

Disposal of property.

SEC. 5. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated not to exceed $10,000 for travel expenses of the members of the Commission and for other expenses that may be incurred in developing suitable plans provided for herein, and no appropriation shall be deemed to be authorized herein to carry out the purposes of this resolution in accordance with such plans unless an additional appropriation to carry out such purposes is expressly authorized by further legislation.

Appropriation.

Approved August 30, 1954.