

Vested rights
not affected.

this act shall be construed in any manner affecting any legal rights heretofore vested in any other party or parties.

APPROVED, April 10, 1869.

April 10, 1869.

[No. 19.] *Joint Resolution for the Protection of the Interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railroad Company, the Central Pacific Railroad Company, and for other Purposes.*

Stockholders
of Union Pacific
R. R. Co. to elect
a board of di-
rectors;

to establish
their general
office.

No other right
conferred or
waived hereby.

Common ter-
minus of the
Union Pacific
and Central Pa-
cific railroads to
be at or near
Ogden, &c.

The President
to appoint a
commission to
examine and re-
port upon the
roads.

Expenses and
pay of commis-
sioners.

Subsidy bonds
to be withheld
sufficient to se-
cure the full
completion, as a
first-class road,
of all sections of
such road, &c.

If the amount
to be issued is
insufficient, &c.

Attorney-Gen-
eral to institute
necessary suits.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the stockholders of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, at a meeting to be held on the twenty-second day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, at the city of Boston, (with power to adjourn from day to day,) shall elect a board of directors for the ensuing year; and said stockholders are hereby authorized to establish their general office at such place in the United States as they may select at said meeting: *Provided,* That the passage of this resolution shall not confer any other right upon said Union Pacific Railroad Company than to hold such election, or be held in any manner to relinquish or waive any rights of the United States to take advantage of any act or neglect of said Union Pacific Railroad Company heretofore done or omitted whereby the rights of the general government have been or may be prejudiced: *And provided, further,* That the common terminus of the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific railroads shall be at or near Ogden; and the Union Pacific Railroad Company shall build, and the Central Pacific Railroad Company pay for and own the railroad from the terminus aforesaid to Promontory summit, at which point the rails shall meet and connect and form one continuous line.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved,* That, to ascertain the condition of the Union Pacific railroad and the Central Pacific railroad, the President of the United States is authorized to appoint a board of eminent citizens, not exceeding five in number, and who shall not be interested in either road, to examine and report upon the condition of, and what sum or sums, if any, will be required to complete each of said roads, for the entire length thereof, to the said terminus as a first-class railroad, in compliance with the several acts relating to said roads; and the expense of such board, including an allowance of ten dollars to each for their services for each day employed in such examination or report, to be paid equally by said companies.

SEC. 3. *And be it further resolved,* That the President is hereby authorized and required to withhold from each of said companies an amount of subsidy bonds authorized to be issued by the United States under said acts sufficient to secure the full completion as a first-class road of all sections of such road upon which bonds have already been issued, or in lieu of such bonds he may receive as such security an equal amount of the first mortgage bonds of such company; and if it shall appear to the President that the amount of subsidy bonds yet to be issued to either of said companies is insufficient to insure the full completion of such road, he may make requisition upon such company for a sufficient amount of bonds already issued to said company, or in his discretion of their first mortgage bonds, to secure the full completion of the same. And in default of obtaining such security as [is] in this section provided, the President may authorize and direct the Attorney-General to institute such suits and proceedings on behalf and in the name of the United States, in any court of the United States having jurisdiction, as shall be necessary or proper to compel the giving of such security, and thereby, or in any manner otherwise, to protect the interests of the United States in said road, and to insure the full completion thereof as a first-class road, as required by law and the statutes in that case made.

SEC. 4. *And be it further resolved,* That the Attorney-General of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to investi-

gate whether or not the charter and all the franchises of the Union Pacific Railroad Company and of the Central Pacific Railroad Company have not been forfeited, and to institute all necessary and proper legal proceedings; also to investigate whether or not said companies have or have not made any illegal dividends upon their stock, and if so to institute the necessary proceedings to have the same reimbursed; and also to investigate whether any of the directors or any other agents or employees of said companies have or not violated any penal law, and if so to institute the proper criminal proceedings against all persons who have violated such laws.

Attorney-General to investigate whether the charter of the Union Pacific and Central Pacific railroads have not been forfeited, &c.;

to institute criminal proceedings, if, &c.

APPROVED, April 10, 1869.

[No. 20.] *Joint Resolution granting Right of Way for the Construction of a Railroad from a Point at or near Portland, Oregon, to a Point west of the Cascade Mountains, in Washington Territory.*

April 10, 1869.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Northern Pacific Railroad Company be, and hereby is, authorized to extend its branch line from a point at or near Portland, Oregon, to some suitable point on Puget Sound, to be determined by said company, and also to connect the same with its main line west of the Cascade mountains, in the Territory of Washington; said extension being subject to all the conditions and provisions, and said company in respect thereto being entitled to all the rights and privileges conferred by the act incorporating said company, and all acts additional to and amendatory thereof: Provided, That said company shall not be entitled to any subsidy in money, bonds, or additional lands of the United States, in respect to said extension of its branch line as aforesaid, except such lands as may be included in the right of way on the line of such extension as it may be located: And provided further, That at least twenty-five miles of said extension shall be constructed before the second day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and forty miles per year thereafter until the whole of said extension shall be completed.

Northern Pacific R. R. Co. may extend its branch line from Portland to Puget Sound, and connect same with its main line west of the Cascade mountains.

Provisos.

APPROVED, April 10, 1869.