

Location.

proaches across Little River, at or near the foot of the gar hole about one-half mile south of the Jonesboro, Lake City and Eastern Railway bridge across Little River, Arkansas, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Construction.
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Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, August 3, 1917.

August 7, 1917.
[H. R. 3331.]

[Public, No. 36.]

CHAP. 48.—An Act For the protection of desert-land entrymen who enter the military or naval service of the United States in time of war.

Public lands.
Desert-land entries.
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26, p. 1096.
Time extended for
expenditures, while
serving in present war.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no desert-land entry made or held under the provisions of the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, as amended by the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, by an officer or enlisted man in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Organized Militia of the United States shall be subject to contest or cancellation for failure to make or expend the sum of \$1 per acre per year in improvements upon such claim, or to effect the reclamation thereof, during the period said entryman or his successor in interest is engaged in the military service of the United States during the present war with Germany, and until six months thereafter, and the time within which such entryman or claimant is required to make such expenditures and effect reclamation of the land shall be, exclusive of the time of his actual service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Organized Militia of the United States: *Provided,* That said desert-land entry shall have been made by the said officer or enlisted man prior to his enlistment: *Provided further,* That each such entryman or claimant shall, within six months after the passage of this Act, or within six months after he is mustered into the service, file in the local land office of the district wherein his claim is situate a notice of his muster into the service of the United States and of his desire to hold said desert claim under this Act: *Provided further,* That the term "enlisted man," as used in this section shall include any person selected to serve in the military forces of the United States as provided by the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the President to increase temporarily the Military Establishment of the United States," approved May eighteenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

Provisos.
For prior entries.

Notice of muster to
be filed.

Service specified.

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Approved, August 7, 1917.

August 8, 1917.
[H. R. 4285.]

[Public, No. 37.]

CHAP. 49.—An Act Making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes.

River and harbor ap-
propriations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums of money be, and are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be immediately available, and to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers, for the construction, completion, repair, and preservation of the public works hereinafter named:

Portland, Me.

Portland Harbor, Maine: For completing improvement in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered

Seventy-one, Sixty-fifth Congress, first session, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document, \$300,000.

Boston Harbor, Massachusetts: The unexpended balances of appropriations heretofore made and authorized for this improvement are hereby made available for improvement in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Nine hundred and thirty-one, Sixty-third Congress, second session.

Boston, Mass.
Use of balances.

Gloucester, Beverly, Salem, Lynn, Plymouth, and Provincetown Harbors, Mystic, Malden, Weymouth Fore, and Weymouth Back Rivers, and Dorchester Bay and Neponset River, Massachusetts: For maintenance, \$24,000.

Gloucester, etc., Mass.

Providence River and Harbor, Pawtucket River, Newport Harbor, harbors of refuge at Point Judith and Block Island, entrance to Point Judith Pond, and Great Salt Pond, Block Island, Rhode Island: The unexpended balances of appropriations heretofore made for improvement of Providence River and Harbor in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Nine hundred and nineteen, Sixtieth Congress, first session, are hereby made available for improvement of said river and harbor in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Thirteen hundred and sixty-nine, Sixty-second Congress, third session.

Providence, etc., R. I.
Use of balances.

Stonington and New London Harbors, Connecticut, Pawcatuck River, Rhode Island and Connecticut, and Mystic and Thames Rivers, Connecticut: For maintenance, \$10,000; for completing improvement of New London Harbor, \$160,000; in all, \$170,000.

New London, etc., Conn.

Duck Island, Branford, New Haven, Milford, Bridgeport, Southport, Norwalk, Five Mile River, Stamford, and Greenwich Harbors, Westport Harbor and Saugatuck River, breakwaters at New Haven, and Housatonic River, Connecticut: For maintenance, \$71,000.

New Haven, etc., Conn.

Connecticut River above and below Hartford, Connecticut: Continuing improvement and for maintenance below Hartford, \$70,100.

Connecticut River, Conn.

Burlington Harbor, Vermont; Plattsburg and Port Henry Harbors, New York; and Narrows of Lake Champlain, New York and Vermont: For maintenance, \$5,000; for improvement of Narrows of Lake Champlain in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Thirteen hundred and eighty-seven, Sixty-second Congress, third session, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document, \$300,000; for completing improvement of Port Henry Harbor in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Three hundred and sixty-nine, Sixty-fourth Congress, first session, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document, \$71,500; in all, \$376,500.

Burlington, Plattsburg, etc., Vt. and N. Y.

Lake Champlain Narrows.

Port Henry, N. Y.

Olcott, Charlotte, Pultneyville, Great Sodus Bay, Little Sodus Bay, Oswego, Cape Vincent, and Ogdensburg Harbors, New York: For maintenance, \$33,500.

Lake Ontario harbors, etc., N. Y.

Port Chester, Mamaroneck, and Echo Bay Harbors, East Chester and Westchester Creeks, and Bronx River, New York: Completing improvement of East Chester Creek, \$11,000.

East Chester Creek, etc., N. Y.

Saugerties, Rondout, Peekskill, and Tarrytown Harbors, and Wappinger Creek, New York: For maintenance \$3,500.

Saugerties, etc., N. Y.

New York Harbor, New York: For maintenance of entrance channels and for improvement of the upper bay opposite anchorage grounds in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Five hundred and eighteen, Sixty-third Congress, second session, and at Craven Shoal in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Five hundred and fifty-seven, Sixty-fourth Congress, first session, \$40,000, and the unexpended balances of appropriations heretofore made and authorized for the improvement and maintenance of the entrance channels are hereby made available for continuing improvement in accordance

New York Harbor, N. Y.
Channels, and upper bay.

Use of balances.

Staten Island channel.	with the reports submitted in said documents; for improvement of channel between Staten Island and Hoffman and Swinburne Islands, in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Six hundred and twenty-five, Sixty-fourth Congress, first session, \$50,000; in all, \$90,000.
Hudson River Channel.	Hudson River Channel, New York Harbor, New York: Continuing improvement, \$210,500; for improvement in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-seven, Sixty-fourth Congress, second session, \$600,000; in all, \$810,500.
Black Rock, etc., N. Y. Use of balances.	Black Rock Channel and Tonawanda Harbor, New York: The unexpended balances of appropriations heretofore made and authorized for this improvement are hereby made available for Lake Erie entrance to Black Rock Channel and Erie Basin and for widening the channel at the bend.
East River, N. Y.	East River, New York: For improvement in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered One hundred and eighty-eight, Sixty-third Congress, first session, and for a forty-foot channel through East River and Hell Gate, in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered One hundred and forty, Sixty-fifth Congress, first session, \$1,250,000: <i>Provided</i> , That the unexpended balances of appropriations heretofore made and authorized for the improvement of East River and Hell Gate are hereby made available for improvement in accordance with the reports submitted in said document: <i>Provided further</i> , That a depth of forty feet is authorized across Diamond Reef: <i>And provided further</i> , That so much as may be necessary of this and any other appropriations made herein or hereafter for specific portions of New York Harbor and its immediate tributaries may be allotted by the Secretary of War for the maintenance of these waterways by the collection and removal of drift.
Hell Gate channel, etc. <i>Provisos.</i> Use of balances.	
Depth at Diamond Reef.	
Removal of drift, etc.	
New Jersey. Maintenance of harbors, etc.	Keyport and Shoal Harbors, Woodbridge, Cheesequake, Matawan, and Compton Creeks, Elizabeth, Raritan, South, and Shrewsbury Rivers, and Raritan Bay, New Jersey: For maintenance, \$58,000.
Cold Spring Inlet, etc., N. J.	Cold Spring and Absecon Inlets, Absecon and Tuckerton Creeks, and Toms River, New Jersey: For maintenance, \$35,000.
Maurice, etc., Rivers, N. J.	Cooper, Salem, Cohansey, and Maurice Rivers, Woodbury, Mantua, Raccoon, Oldmans, and Alloway Creeks, New Jersey: For maintenance, \$23,000; continuing improvement and for maintenance of Maurice River, \$25,000; in all, \$48,000.
Pittsburgh, Pa.	Pittsburgh Harbor, Pennsylvania: For maintenance, \$5,000.
Schuylkill River, Pa.	Schuylkill River, Pennsylvania: For improvement in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Twelve hundred and seventy, Sixty-fourth Congress, first session, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document, \$300,000.
Delaware River, Pa., N. J., and Del. Philadelphia to the sea. To Trenton.	Delaware River, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware: Continuing improvement and for maintenance from Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, to the sea, \$1,870,000; for maintenance of improvement from Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, to Lalor Street, Trenton, \$40,000; in all, \$1,910,000.
Wilmington, Del.	Wilmington Harbor, Delaware: For maintenance, \$50,000.
Appoquinimink, etc., Rivers, Del.	Appoquinimink, Smyrna, Leipsic, Little, Saint Jones, Murderkill, Mispillion, and Broadkill Rivers, Delaware: For maintenance, \$30,000.
Lewes, Del. Iron pier.	Government iron pier in Delaware Bay near Lewes, Delaware: For maintenance and repair in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Ten hundred and fifty-nine, Sixty-fourth Congress, first session, \$68,000.
Waterway, Rehoboth and Delaware Bays.	Waterway between Rehoboth Bay and Delaware Bay, Delaware: Continuing improvement and for maintenance, \$50,000.
Chincoteague Bay, Va., to Lewes, Del.	Waterway from Chincoteague Bay, Virginia, to Delaware Bay at or near Lewes, Delaware: For maintenance, \$1,000.

Improving inland waterway from Delaware River to Chesapeake Bay, Delaware and Maryland, in accordance with the project recommended by the Chief of Engineers in House Document Numbered Three hundred and ninety-one, Sixty-second Congress, second session, and in paragraph three of his report, dated August ninth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, as published in House Document Numbered One hundred and ninety-six, Sixty-third Congress, first session: The Secretary of War is hereby authorized to enter into negotiations for the purchase of the existing Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, and all the property, rights of property, franchises, and appurtenances used or acquired for use in connection therewith or appertaining thereto; and he is further authorized, if in his judgment the price is reasonable and satisfactory, to make a contract for the purchase of the same, subject to future ratification and appropriation by Congress. In the event of the inability of the Secretary of War to make a satisfactory contract for the voluntary purchase of said canal and its appurtenances, he is hereby authorized and directed through the Attorney General to institute and to carry to completion proceedings for the condemnation of the said canal and its appurtenances, the acceptance of the award in said proceedings to be subject to future ratification and appropriation by Congress. Such condemnation proceedings shall be instituted and conducted in, and jurisdiction of said proceedings is hereby given to, the District Court of the United States for the District of Delaware substantially as provided in "An Act to authorize condemnation of land for sites for public buildings, and for other purposes," approved August first, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and the sum of \$5,000 is hereby appropriated to pay the necessary costs thereof and expenses in connection therewith.

Baltimore Harbor and Channels, Maryland: For maintenance of Patapsco River and Channel to Baltimore, including channel of approach at York Spit, Chesapeake Bay, \$104,000; for improvement in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Seven hundred and ninety-nine, Sixty-fourth Congress, first session, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document, \$250,000; and the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to prosecute maintenance work in the inner harbor in accordance with the recommendation submitted in said document; in all, \$354,000.

Rockhall, Queenstown, Claiborne, Tilghman Island, Cambridge, and Crisfield Harbors, Elk and Little Elk, Chester, Corisca, Choptank, Tuckahoe, Warwick, La Trappe, Tred Avon, Wicomico, Manokin, and Pocomoke Rivers, Slaughter, Tyaskin, and Broad Creeks, Twitch Cove and Big Thoroughfare River, and Lower Thoroughfare, Deal Island, Maryland; Nanticoke River (including Northwest Fork), Delaware and Maryland; and Broad Creek River, Delaware: For maintenance, \$15,800.

Potomac River, at Washington, District of Columbia, at Alexandria, Virginia, and at Lower Cedar Point, Maryland, Anacostia River, District of Columbia, Occoquan, Aquia, Upper Machodoc, and Nomini Creeks, Virginia: For maintenance, \$30,000.

Norfolk Harbor and Channels, Virginia: For improvement, including channel to Newport News, in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Six hundred and five, Sixty-third Congress, second session, and in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered One hundred and forty, Sixty-fifth Congress, first session, item "B," page five, \$900,000. The unexpended balance of appropriations heretofore made for improvement of channel to Norfolk, Virginia, is hereby made available for continuing improvement of said channel in accordance with the report submitted in said document.

Waterway, Delaware River to Chesapeake Bay, Del. and Md.

Purchase of Chesapeake and Delaware Canal authorized.

Condemnation proceeding if no contract agreed to.

Procedure.

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Baltimore, Md. Patapsco River, etc.

Maryland eastern shore harbors, etc.

Potomac River, etc., D. C., Md., and Va.

Norfolk, Va. Channel to Newport News, etc.

Use of balances.

Rappahannock, etc., Rivers, Va.	Rappahannock, Mattaponi, and Pamunkey Rivers, Urbana Creek, and Milford Haven Harbor, Virginia: For maintenance, \$15,000.
James River, etc., Va.	James, Nansemond, Pagan, and Appomattox Rivers, Virginia: For maintenance, \$26,000; continuing improvement of James River, \$46,000; in all, \$72,000.
Blackwater River, Va., etc.	Blackwater River, Virginia: Meherrin and Roanoke Rivers, North Carolina: For maintenance, \$2,500.
Waterway, Norfolk, Va., to Beaufort Inlet, N. C. <i>Proviso.</i> Discretionary route.	Waterway from Norfolk, Virginia, to Beaufort Inlet, North Carolina: Continuing improvement, \$100,000: <i>Provided</i> , That the route of the waterway may, in the discretion of the Secretary of War, be modified in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Fourteen hundred and seventy-eight, Sixty-third Congress, third session: <i>And provided further</i> , That not more than \$75,000 shall be expended in acquiring the necessary rights of way between Albemarle Sound and Pungo River.
Rights of way.	
Manteo Bay, Tar River, etc., N. C.	Manteo Bay, Scuppernong, Pamlico, Tar, South, Bay, Neuse, and Trent Rivers, Fishing, Contentnea, Swift, and Smith Creeks, and waterway connecting Swan Quarter Bay with Deep Bay, North Carolina: For maintenance, \$15,500.
Waterways, North Carolina.	Beaufort and Morehead City Harbors, Beaufort Inlet, waterway from Pamlico Sound to Beaufort Inlet, waterway connecting Core Sound and Beaufort Harbor, and inland waterway Beaufort to Jacksonville, North Carolina: For maintenance, \$35,500; and the unexpended balances of appropriations heretofore made for New River, North Carolina, are hereby made available for the improvement of the inland waterway, Beaufort to Jacksonville, North Carolina, in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Seventeen hundred and seventy-five, Sixty-fourth Congress, second session.
Cape Fear River, etc., N. C.	Northeast, Black, and Cape Fear Rivers, North Carolina: For maintenance, \$85,000; completing improvement of Cape Fear River below Wilmington, \$35,000; in all, \$120,000.
Charleston, S. C.	Charleston Harbor and Channels, South Carolina: For maintenance, \$40,000; for improvement in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Two hundred and eighty-eight, Sixty-second Congress, second session, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document, \$70,000; for maintenance of Ashley River Channel, \$10,000; in all, \$120,000.
Winyah Bay, etc., S. C.	Winyah Bay, Waccamaw, Little Peedee, and Great Peedee Rivers, South Carolina: For maintenance, \$70,000.
Congaree, etc., Rivers, S. C.	Santee, Wateree, and Congaree Rivers, South Carolina: For maintenance, including the Estherville-Minim Creek Canal and the Congaree River as far up as the Gervais Street Bridge, Columbia, and for improvement of the Congaree River in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Seven hundred and two, Sixty-third Congress, second session, \$80,000.
Waterway, Beaufort, S. C., to Saint Johns River, Fla.	Waterway between Beaufort, South Carolina, and Saint Johns River, Florida: Continuing improvement and for maintenance, \$43,000.
Savannah Harbor and River, Ga.	Savannah Harbor, and Savannah River, below, at, and above Augusta, Georgia: For maintenance, \$380,000; for improvement of Savannah Harbor in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Fourteen hundred and seventy-one, Sixty-fourth Congress, second session, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document, \$500,000: <i>Provided</i> , That no expense shall be incurred by the United States for acquiring any lands required for the purpose of this improvement; in all, \$880,000.
<i>Proviso.</i> Nopayment for lands.	
Harbors, etc., Ga. and Fla.	Sapelo, and Darien Harbors, Cowhead, and Satilla Rivers, Club, Plantation, and Fancy Bluff Creeks, Georgia, and Saint Marys River, Georgia and Florida: For maintenance, \$12,500.

- Brunswick Harbor, Georgia: For maintenance, \$33,250.
- Altamaha, Oconee, and Ocmulgee Rivers, Georgia: Continuing improvement and for maintenance, \$40,000.
- Indian River, Saint Lucie Inlet, Miami Harbor (Biscayne Bay), and Harbor at Key West, Florida: For maintenance, \$6,000; completing improvement of Miami Harbor, \$160,000: *Provided*, That the work proposed under the project adopted by the river and harbor Act approved July twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and twelve, may be done by contract if reasonable prices can be obtained; in all, \$166,000.
- Tampa and Hillsboro Bays, Saint Petersburg Harbor, Hillsboro, and Manatee Rivers, Florida: For maintenance, \$66,500; for improvement of Hillsboro Bay in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Thirteen hundred and forty-five, Sixty-fourth Congress, first session, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document, \$300,000; in all, \$366,500: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act, nor in the Act approved June twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and ten, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the construction, repair and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," shall be so construed as to prevent the use of any part of the Ybor Estuary zone for industrial or other legitimate purposes when the same is not needed for commercial uses, nor to exclude the building and operation of a railroad or railroads by private parties or railroad companies under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of War may prescribe, subject to the right of the city of Tampa to construct and operate a municipal railroad on said estuary zone as set forth in said report. The Secretary of War is hereby authorized to prosecute the work of improvement on the existing project for Saint Petersburg Harbor, in accordance with the modified conditions recommended by the Chief of Engineers and the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors in the report printed in Rivers and Harbors Committee Document Numbered Six, Sixty-fourth Congress, second session.
- Saint Johns River, Florida, Jacksonville to the ocean, opposite the city of Jacksonville, Jacksonville to Palatka, and Palatka to Lake Harney, Lake Crescent and Dunns Creek, and Oklawaha River, Florida: For maintenance, \$335,000.
- Kissimmee, Caloosahatchee, Orange, Anclote, Crystal, Withlacoochee, and Suwannee Rivers, Charlotte Harbor, Sarasota Bay, and Clearwater Harbor and Boca Ceiga Bay, Florida: For maintenance, \$11,000.
- Removing the water hyacinth, Florida: For the removal of the water hyacinth from the navigable waters in the State of Florida, in so far as it is or may become an obstruction to navigation, \$10,000.
- Carrabelle Bar and Harbor, Apalachicola, Saint Joseph, and Saint Andrews Bays, Apalachicola and Chipola Rivers, and channel from Apalachicola River to Saint Andrews Bay, Florida, Flint River, Georgia, and Chattahoochee River, Georgia and Alabama: For maintenance, \$77,500; continuing improvement of Apalachicola River, including the cut-off, Lee Slough, lower Chipola River, and upper Chipola River from Marianna to its mouth, \$18,000; in all, \$95,500.
- Holmes and Blackwater Rivers, Florida, Choctawhatchee, Escambia, and Conecuh Rivers, Florida and Alabama, the narrows in Santa Rosa Sound, and Pensacola Harbor, Florida: For maintenance, \$9,500.
- Mobile Harbor and Bar, and channel connecting Mobile Bay and Mississippi Sound, Alabama: For maintenance of channel connecting Mobile Bay and Mississippi Sound, \$5,000; for maintenance of Mobile Harbor and Bar and for improvement in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Seventeen hundred and sixty-three, Sixty-fourth Congress, second session, and subject to the

Brunswick, Ga.
Oconee, etc., Rivers,
Ga.

Miami Harbor, etc.,
Fla.

Proviso.
Contract work.
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Tampa Bay, etc.,
Fla.
Hillsboro Bay, Fla.

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Use of Ybor Estuary.
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Saint Petersburg, Fla.

Saint Johns River,
etc., Fla.

Kissimmee River,
etc., Fla.

Water hyacinth.
Removing from Florida
waters.

Apalachicola River,
etc., Fla. and Ga.

Pensacola, Fla., etc.

Mobile, Ala.

	conditions set forth in said document, except as to pilotage and terminal facilities, \$110,000; in all, \$115,000.
Alabama and Coosa Rivers, Ala. and Ga.	Alabama River, Alabama, and Coosa River, Alabama and Georgia: Continuing improvement and for maintenance, including the Alabama and Coosa Rivers between Montgomery and Wetumpka, \$50,000.
Tombigbee River, Ala. and Miss.	Tombigbee River, Alabama and Mississippi: For maintenance from mouth to Demopolis, Alabama, \$30,000, and from Demopolis, Alabama, to Walkers Bridge, Mississippi, \$10,000; in all, \$40,000.
Pascagoula Harbor, Miss.	Pascagoula Harbor, Mississippi: Continuing improvement and for maintenance of channels through Horn Island Pass, Mississippi Sound, Pascagoula River, and Dog River, \$113,000.
Gulfport, Harbor, Miss.	Gulfport Harbor, Mississippi: Continuing improvement and for maintenance of anchorage basin at Gulfport and channel therefrom to the anchorage or roadstead at Ship Island, and for the improvement and maintenance of channel at Ship Island Pass, \$80,000.
Pascagoula, etc., Rivers, Miss.	Pascagoula, Wolf, Jordan, Pearl, and East Pearl Rivers, and Biloxi Harbor, Mississippi: For maintenance, \$10,000.
Yazoo River, etc., Miss.	Yazoo River and tributaries, Mississippi: For maintenance, including Yazoo, Tallahatchie, Coldwater, and Big Sunflower Rivers, Tchula Lake, Steele, and Washington Bayous, Lake Washington, and Bear Creek, \$20,000.
Mississippi River passes, La.	Passes at the mouth of the Mississippi River: Continuing improvement and for maintenance, \$1,825,000.
Bayous Lafourche, etc., La.	Bayous Lafourche, Terrebonne, Grossetete, Plaquemine, and Teche, Louisiana: For maintenance, including Grand River and Pigeon Bayous, \$64,000.
Waterway, from the Mississippi to the Sabine, La.	Waterway from the Mississippi River to the Sabine River, Louisiana: For maintenance, \$7,000; for completing improvement from Mermentau River to Sabine River, Louisiana and Texas, in accordance with the report submitted in Senate Document Numbered Seven hundred and five, Sixty-fourth Congress, second session, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document, \$230,000; in all, \$237,000.
Mermentau to Sabine, La. and Tex.	
Lake Pontchartrain, etc., La.	Lake Pontchartrain, Pass Manchac, Bogue Falia, Chefuncte, Ponchatoula, Natalbany, Blood, Tickfaw, and Amite Rivers, and Bayou Manchac, Louisiana: For maintenance, \$4,000; for completing improvement of Lake Pontchartrain in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered One hundred and seventy-six, Sixty-third Congress, first session, \$32,000; in all, \$36,000.
Bayous Vermilion, etc., La.	Bayous Vermilion, Nezpique, des Cannes, Plaquemine Brule, and Queue de Tortue, Mermentau River, and Calcasieu River and Pass, Louisiana: Continuing improvement and for maintenance, including channel, bay, and passes of Bayou Vermilion, and tributaries of Mermentau River, \$51,000.
Water hyacinth. Removing, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas.	Removing the water hyacinths, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas: For the removal of the water hyacinth from the navigable waters in the States named in so far as it is or may become an obstruction to navigation, \$20,000.
Atchafalaya River, La.	Atchafalaya River, Louisiana: For maintenance, \$20,000.
Sabine Pass and Port Arthur Canal, etc., La. and Tex.	Harbor at Sabine Pass and Port Arthur Canal, Sabine-Neches Canal, and Johnsons Bayou, Louisiana and Texas: For maintenance, \$110,000; continuing improvement of Sabine Pass and Port Arthur Canal, \$300,000; in all, \$410,000.
Red River, etc., Ark., Tex., and La.	Red and Sulphur Rivers, Arkansas and Texas, and Cypress Bayou and Waterway between Jefferson, Texas, and Shreveport, Louisiana: For maintenance, \$5,000.
Galveston Harbor, etc., Tex.	Galveston Harbor, Galveston Channel, Port Bolivar Channel, Texas City Channel, and Houston Ship Channel, Texas: For maintenance, \$480,000.
Port Aransas, Tex.	Port Aransas, Texas: Continuing improvement and for maintenance, \$100,000.

Anahuac Channel, mouth of Trinity River, Oyster, and Clear Creeks, and Cedar, Chocolate, Turtle, Bastrop, Dickinson, Double, and East Bay Bayous, Texas: For maintenance, \$33,300.

Waterway from Galveston to Corpus Christi, and channel from Pass Cavallo to Port Lavaca, Texas: For maintenance, \$90,000.

Freeport Harbor, Texas: For maintenance of mouth of Brazos River, \$66,000; for improvement in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Fourteen hundred and sixty-nine, Sixty-third Congress, third session, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document, \$150,000; in all, \$216,000.

Red, Black, Ouachita, Tensas, Boeuf, and Saline Rivers, and Bayous Macon, Bartholomew, D'Arbonne, and Corney, Arkansas and Louisiana: For maintenance, \$65,000. The balance of appropriations heretofore made for the construction of Lock and Dam Numbered Seven, Ouachita River, Arkansas and Louisiana, is hereby made available, in the discretion of the Secretary of War, for the construction of Lock and Dam Numbered Five.

Arkansas River, Arkansas and Oklahoma: For maintenance by snagging operations, \$35,000.

Black and Current Rivers, Arkansas and Missouri; White, Saint Francis, and L'Anguille Rivers, and Blackfish Bayou, Arkansas: For maintenance, \$28,700.

Cumberland River, Tennessee and Kentucky: For maintenance above Nashville, \$5,000; continuing improvement below Nashville, \$632,000; in all, \$637,000.

Tennessee River, Tennessee, Alabama, and Kentucky: For maintenance and continuing improvement, \$401,000.

Toledo, Port Clinton, Sandusky, Huron, Vermilion, Lorain, Cleveland, Fairport, Ashtabula, and Conneaut Harbors, Ohio: For maintenance, \$132,000; completing improvement of Lorain Harbor in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Nine hundred and eighty, Sixty-fourth Congress, first session, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document, \$16,500; for completing improvement of Lorain Harbor in accordance with House Document Numbered Nine hundred and eighty-five, Sixty-fourth Congress, first session, \$63,150; for improvement of Cuyahoga River, Cleveland Harbor, in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Seven hundred and seven, Sixty-third Congress, second session, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document, \$5,000: *Provided*, That the Government's share in the cost of the improvement in accordance with the final plans adopted shall not exceed \$400,000; in all, \$216,650. The unexpended balances of appropriations heretofore made and authorized for the improvement of Conneaut Harbor, Ohio, are hereby made available for completing improvement in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Nine hundred and eighty-three, Sixty-fourth Congress, first session.

Ohio River: Continuing improvement by the construction of locks and dams with a view to securing a navigable depth of nine feet, \$5,000,000. Upon the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers and the approval of the Secretary of War the project for the improvement of the Ohio River may be so modified as to permit the construction of one lock and fixed dam to replace Locks and Dams Numbered One and Two, should such modification be deemed desirable and advantageous.

Grand Marais, Marquette, Marquette Bay, and Ontonagon Harbors, and Keweenaw Waterway, Michigan; Ashland and Port Wing Harbors, Wisconsin; Duluth-Superior Harbor, Minnesota and Wisconsin; Agate Bay and Grand Marais Harbors, Minnesota: For maintenance, \$175,000; completing improvement of Ashland Harbor in accordance

Anahuac Channel,
etc., Tex.

Waterway, Galveston to Corpus Christi,
Tex., etc.

Freeport Harbor,
Tex.

Ouachita, etc.,
Rivers, Ark. and La.

Dam No. 5.

Arkansas River, Ark.
and Okla.

Black River, etc.,
Ark. and Mo.

Cumberland River,
Tenn. and Ky.

Tennessee River,
Tenn., Ala., and Ky.

Lake Erie harbors,
etc., Ohio.

Lorain, Ohio.

Cleveland, Ohio.

Proviso.
Limit of cost.

Conneaut, Ohio.
Use of balances.

Ohio River.
Locks and dams.

Lake Superior harbors, etc., Mich., Wis.,
and Minn.

	with the modified plans in the report submitted in House Document Numbered Sixteen hundred and ninety-eight, Sixty-fourth Congress, second session, \$10,000; in all, \$185,000.
Lake Michigan harbors, etc., Mich.	Saint Joseph Harbor and River, Saugatuck Harbor and Kalamazoo River, South Haven, Holland, Grand Haven, Muskegon, White Lake, Ludington, Manistee, Portage Lake, Arcadia, Frankfort, Charlevoix, and Petoskey Harbors, and Grand River, Michigan: For maintenance, \$112,050; continuing improvement of Manistee Harbor, \$28,700; in all, \$140,750.
Lake Huron harbors, etc., Mich.	Mackinac, Cheboygan, Rogers City, Alpena, Harbor Beach, and Monroe Harbors, Saginaw, Black, Clinton, and Rouge Rivers, Michigan: For maintenance, \$13,500; for improvement of Harbor Beach Harbor in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Seventeen hundred, Sixty-fourth Congress, second session, \$100,000; for improvement of Rouge River, Michigan, in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Two thousand and sixty-three, Sixty-fourth Congress, second session, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document, \$490,000: <i>Provided</i> , That the Secretary of War may, in his discretion, substitute plan B for plan A; in all, \$603,500.
Harbor Beach, Mich.	Ship channel connecting waters of the Great Lakes between Chicago, Duluth, and Buffalo, including Saint Marys River, Saint Clair River, channels in Lake Saint Clair, and Detroit River, Michigan: For maintenance, \$185,000.
Rouge River, Mich.	Manistique Harbor, Michigan, Menominee, Oconto, Green Bay, Algoma, Kewaunee, Two Rivers, Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Port Washington, Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, and Waukegan Harbors, Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan Ship Canal, and Fox River, Wisconsin: For maintenance, \$52,100: <i>Provided</i> , That this amount is hereby made available for maintenance of the channel to the established depth of the Milwaukee, Menominee, and Kinnikinnic Rivers, Inner Harbor, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The project for the improvement of Green Bay Harbor, Wisconsin, is hereby modified to include the maintenance of the turning basin at Depere in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered One thousand and seventeen, Sixty-fourth Congress, first session.
<i>Proviso.</i> Discretionary project.	Saint Croix River, Wisconsin and Minnesota, Minnesota River, Minnesota, Lake Traverse, Minnesota and South Dakota, Red River of the North, Minnesota and North Dakota, Warroad Harbor and River, Zippel Bay, and Lake of the Woods, Minnesota: For maintenance, \$3,000.
Great Lakes ship channel.	Chicago and Calumet Harbors, Chicago and Illinois Rivers, Illinois, Calumet River, Illinois and Indiana, Indiana and Michigan City Harbors, Indiana: For maintenance, \$115,000; completing improvement of Indiana Harbor, \$395,200; in all, \$510,200.
Lake Michigan harbors, etc., Wis.	Mississippi River from the mouth of the Ohio River to and including the mouth of the Missouri River: Continuing improvement and for maintenance, \$350,000.
<i>Proviso.</i> Channel depths, Milwaukee, etc.	The Mississippi River Commission shall forthwith make an examination of the Memphis Harbor, on the Mississippi River at the mouth of Wolf River, and at the earliest practicable moment make such plans and take such steps, to be approved by the Chief of Engineers, as will remove the large sand bar in front of Memphis to such an extent as may be necessary in the interest of navigation at that point, such improvements to be paid out of any funds heretofore or hereafter appropriated for the work of the Mississippi River Commission, not to exceed, however, the sum of \$250,000 for the current fiscal year.
Depere, Wis., turning basin.	Mississippi River from the mouth of the Missouri River to Minneapolis, Minnesota: Continuing improvement and for maintenance, \$1,200,000.
Saint Croix, etc., Rivers, Minn., N. and S. Dak.	
Chicago, etc., Ill. and Ind.	
Indiana Harbor, Ind.	
Mississippi River. From the Ohio to the Missouri.	
Memphis, Tenn. Removal of bar.	
To Minneapolis, Minn.	

Mississippi River between Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and between Brainerd and Grand Rapids, Mississippi and Leech Rivers, and reservoirs at headwaters of Mississippi River: For maintenance, \$2,000; continuing improvement of Mississippi and Leech Rivers, \$50,000; in all, \$52,000.

Osage and Gasconade Rivers, Missouri, and Kansas River, Kansas: Continuing improvement and for maintenance of Osage and Gasconade Rivers, \$20,000; completing improvement of Kansas River in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Five hundred and eighty-four, Sixty-third Congress, second session, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document, \$10,000; in all, \$30,000.

Missouri River: For maintenance and continuing improvement with a view to securing a permanent six-foot channel between Kansas City, Kansas, from the upper end of Quindaro Bend, and the mouth of the river, \$1,000,000; for snagging and maintenance between Sioux City and Fort Benton, \$50,000; in all, \$1,085,000.

Provided, That there shall be expended, out of the \$1,000,000 above appropriated, as soon as practicable, and, if possible, before June first, nineteen hundred and eighteen, \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, subject to such terms of local cooperation as the Secretary of War may prescribe, not to exceed one-half the cost of the improvement, at Cambridge Bend, near Glasgow, Missouri, from the head of said bend to Bowlers Point, in constructing all necessary new works and in putting in thorough repair existing works, so that the same shall effectively protect the banks and confine the river to its channel at and along said bend: *And provided further*, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to transfer to the Missouri River for work thereon, free of cost, two dredges not necessarily employed elsewhere.

San Diego Harbor, California: For maintenance, \$20,000; completing improvement of San Diego Harbor in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered One hundred and forty, Sixty-fifth Congress, first session, and by dredging area "A" in accordance with the project submitted on page fourteen of House Document Numbered Six hundred and forty-eight, Sixty-fourth Congress, first session, as modified in the report printed in Rivers and Harbors Committee Document Numbered Eight, Sixty-fourth Congress, second session, \$154,000; in all, \$174,000.

Los Angeles Harbor, California: For maintenance, \$25,000; and for improvement in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Eight hundred and ninety-six, Sixty-third Congress, second session, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document, \$50,000: *Provided*, That no expense shall be incurred by the United States for acquiring any lands required for the purpose of this improvement; in all, \$75,000. Such modification as may be recommended by the Chief of Engineers and approved by the Secretary of War for the plan of silt-diversion works adopted by the river and harbor Act approved July twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and sixteen, for the protection of Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors, in accordance with the report printed in House Document Numbered Four hundred and sixty-two, Sixty-fourth Congress, first session, is hereby authorized, subject to the conditions set forth in said document: *Provided*, That such modifications shall not increase the total cost of the work to the United States.

San Francisco, Oakland, Richmond, Monterey, and Humboldt Harbors, Redwood, and Petaluma Creeks, Napa River, San Pablo Bay, Mare Island Strait, and Suisun Channel, California: For maintenance, \$287,500; continuing improvement of Oakland Harbor,

Above Saint Paul, Minn.

Osage and Gasconade Rivers, Mo.

Kansas River, Kans.

Missouri River. Six-foot channel, etc.

Provisos. Cambridge Bend, Glasgow, Mo.

Transfer of dredges.

San Diego, Cal.

Los Angeles, Cal.

Provisos. No expense for lands.

Modifications authorized.

No increase of cost.

San Francisco Harbor, etc., Cal.

<i>Proviso.</i> Dredging plant.	\$92,000: <i>Provided</i> , That if in the judgment of the Secretary of War the prices received in response to advertisements for bids for dredging are not reasonable, so much of the amount herein appropriated as shall be necessary may be expended for the purchase or construction of a suitable dredging plant; for improvement of Richmond Harbor in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Five hundred and fifteen, Sixty-third Congress, second session, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document, \$100,000; continuing improvement of Humboldt Harbor and Bay, \$190,500; for improvement of San Pablo Bay and Mare Island Strait in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered One hundred and forty, Sixty-fifth Congress, first session, if required for naval needs, \$330,000; in all, \$1,000,000.
Richmond, Cal.	Sacramento, Feather, San Joaquin, and Mokelumne Rivers, and Stockton and Mormon Channels (diverting canal), California: For maintenance, \$31,000.
Humboldt Bay, etc., Cal. San Pablo Bay, etc., Cal.	Coquille, Coos, Siuslaw, and Yaquina Rivers, and Coos, Tillamook, and Nehalem Bays, Oregon: For maintenance, \$34,000; continuing improvement of channel over the bar at Coos Bay, \$70,000; in all, \$104,000.
Sacramento River, etc., Cal.	Cascades and Dalles-Celilo Canals, Oregon, Columbia River and tributaries above Celilo Falls to the mouth of Snake River, Oregon and Washington, and Snake River, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho: Continuing improvement and for maintenance, \$70,000.
Coquille River, Coos Bay, etc., Oreg.	Willamette River above Portland and at Willamette Falls, Yamhill and Clatskanie Rivers, Oregon, Cowlitz, Lewis, and Grays Rivers, Washington: For maintenance, \$48,300; completing improvement of Willamette River around the Willamette Falls at Oregon City, Oregon, in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered One thousand and sixty, Sixty-second Congress, third session, \$80,000; continuing improvement of Lewis River, including North and East Forks, \$13,500; in all, \$141,800.
Columbia River, etc., Oreg., Wash., and Idaho.	Columbia and lower Willamette Rivers below Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, and mouth of Columbia River, Oregon and Washington: Continuing improvement and for maintenance, in accordance with report submitted in Senate Document Numbered Fifty-seven, Sixty-fifth Congress, first session, \$310,000: <i>Provided</i> , That of the funds herein appropriated \$6,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, may be expended in completing improvement at Cathlamet, Washington, in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered One hundred and twenty, Sixty-third Congress, first session.
Willamette River, etc., Oreg. and Wash.	Willapa River and Harbor, Grays Harbor, Chehalis and Hoquiam Rivers, Washington: For maintenance, \$7,500; for improvement of Grays Harbor in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Seventeen hundred and twenty-nine, Sixty-fourth Congress, second session, \$85,000: <i>Provided</i> , That pending the construction of the new dredge authorized any other Government dredge that may be available may be used for the deepening and maintenance of the bar channel; in all, \$92,500.
Columbia and Willamette Rivers, below Portland, Oreg.	<i>Proviso.</i> Use of dredge.
<i>Proviso.</i> Cathlamet, Wash.	Puget Sound and its tributary waters, Olympia, Tacoma, and Bellingham Harbors, Lake Washington Ship Canal, Snohomish and Skagit Rivers, Swinomish Slough, waterway connecting Port Townsend Bay and Oak Bay, Columbia River between Wenatchee and Kettle Falls, Washington: For maintenance, \$30,000; for improvement of Lake Washington Ship Canal in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Eight hundred, Sixty-fourth Congress, first session, \$200,000; in all, \$230,000.
Willapa River, etc., Wash.	Nome Harbor and Apoon mouth of Yukon River, Alaska: Completing improvement of Apoon mouth of Yukon River in accordance
<i>Proviso.</i> Use of dredge.	
Puget Sound, tributaries, etc., Wash.	
Lake Washington Ship Canal.	
Nome Harbor, etc., Alaska.	

with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Nine hundred and ninety-one, Sixty-third Congress, first session, \$45,000; completing improvement of Nome Harbor in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Nineteen hundred and thirty-two, Sixty-fourth Congress, second session, and subject to the conditions set forth in said document, \$105,000; in all, \$150,000.

Honolulu, Kahului, and Hilo Harbors, Hawaii: For maintenance \$10,000; for improvement of Honolulu Harbor in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Three hundred and ninety-two, Sixty-fourth Congress, first session, \$50,000; and the unexpended balances of appropriations heretofore made and authorized for the improvement of Honolulu Harbor, Hawaii, are hereby made available for improvement in accordance with the above-mentioned report: *Provided*, That if in the judgment of the Secretary of War the prices received in response to advertisement for bids for dredging are not reasonable, so much of the amount herein appropriated and authorized as shall be necessary may be expended for the purchase or construction of a suitable dredging plant; continuing improvement of Hilo Harbor, \$150,000; in all, \$210,000.

San Juan Harbor, Porto Rico: For maintenance, \$10,000; for improvement in cooperation with the local government in accordance with the report submitted in House Document Numbered Eight hundred and sixty-five, Sixty-third Congress, second session, \$400,000; in all, \$410,000: *Provided*, That until \$600,000 of the amount expended on the dredging and reclamation work authorized herein is reimbursed, the Government of Porto Rico shall on the first day of July of each year after the completion of the work pay to the Government of the United States \$50,000.

SEC. 2. Where separate works or items are consolidated herein and an aggregate amount is appropriated therefor, the amount so appropriated shall, unless otherwise expressed, be expended in securing the maintenance and improvement according to the respective projects adopted by Congress after giving due regard to the respective needs of traffic. The allotments to the respective works so consolidated shall be made by the Chief of Engineers as authorized by the Secretary of War. In case such works or items are consolidated and separate amounts are given to individual projects, the amounts so named shall be expended upon such separate projects unless, in the discretion of the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War, another allotment or division should be made of the same. Any balances remaining to the credit of the consolidated items shall be carried to the credit of the respective aggregate amounts appropriated for the consolidated items.

SEC. 3. That in all cases where the authorized project for a work of river or harbor improvement provides for the construction or use of Government dredging plant, the Secretary of War may, in his discretion, have the work done by contract if reasonable prices can be obtained.

SEC. 4. That for examinations, surveys, and contingencies for rivers and harbors for which there may be no special appropriation, the sum of \$200,000 is hereby appropriated; *Provided*, That no preliminary examination, survey, project, or estimate for new works other than those designated in this or some prior Act or joint resolution shall be made: *Provided further*, That after the regular or formal reports made as required by law on any examination, survey, project, or work under way or proposed are submitted no supplemental or additional report or estimate shall be made unless ordered by a concurrent resolution of Congress: *And provided further*, That the Government shall not be deemed to have entered upon any project for the improvement of any waterway or harbor mentioned in this

Honolulu, etc., Harbors, Hawaii.

Proviso.
Dredging plant.

Hilo.

San Juan, P. R.

Proviso.
Reimbursement by Porto Rico.

Allotment of consolidated works.

Balances carried to authorized works.

Contract work authorized.

Appropriation for examinations, surveys, etc.

Provisos.
Specific authority required.

Supplementary reports restricted.

Special authority required to begin work.

Allotment of preliminary examinations, surveys, etc.

Maine.

Massachusetts.

Cape Cod Canal.

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Purchase, etc., authorized.

Condemnation proceedings.

Procedure.

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Appropriation.

Rhode Island.

New York.

Jamaica Bay.

Act until funds for the commencement of the proposed work shall have been actually appropriated by law.

The Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to cause preliminary examinations and surveys to be made at the following-named localities, and a sufficient sum to pay the cost thereof may be allotted from the amount provided in this section:

Harbor at Corea, Maine.

Waterway connecting Buzzards Bay and Cape Cod Bay, Massachusetts: The Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of Commerce are hereby authorized to examine and appraise the value of the works and franchises of the Cape Cod Canal, Massachusetts, connecting Buzzards and Cape Cod Bays, with reference to the advisability of the purchase of said canal by the United States and the construction over the route of the said canal of a free waterway, with or without a guard lock, and having a depth and capacity sufficient to accommodate the navigation interests that are affected thereby. This investigation shall be conducted under the direction of the Secretary of War and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers in the usual manner provided by law for making preliminary examinations and surveys except that the Secretary of War shall call upon the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of Commerce for such data and evidence as these Secretaries may wish to have incorporated in the report of survey, and further, that the final report of the investigation, with its conclusions upon probable cost and commercial advantages, and military and naval uses of the said canal, shall be submitted to the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of Commerce for their action before it is transmitted to Congress.

If the said Secretaries are all in favor of the acquisition of the said canal, the Secretary of War is hereby further authorized to enter into negotiations for its purchase, including all property, franchises, and appurtenances used or acquired for use in connection therewith or appertaining thereto; and he is further authorized, if in the judgment of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of Commerce, that the price for such canal is reasonable and satisfactory, to make contracts for the purchase of the same, at the option of the United States, subject to future ratification and appropriation by the Congress; or, in the event of the inability of the Secretary of War to make a satisfactory contract for the voluntary purchase of said Cape Cod Canal and its appurtenances, he is hereby authorized and directed, through the Attorney General, to institute and carry to completion proceedings for the condemnation of said canal and its appurtenances, the acceptance of the award in said proceedings to be subject to the future ratification and appropriation by Congress. Such condemnation proceedings shall be instituted and conducted in, and jurisdiction of said proceedings is hereby given to, the district court of the United States for the district of Massachusetts, substantially as provided in "An Act to authorize condemnation of land for sites for public buildings, and for other purposes," approved August first, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight; and the sum of \$5,000 is hereby appropriated to pay the necessary costs thereof and expenses in connection therewith. The Secretary of War is further authorized and directed to report the proceedings hereunder to Congress.

Providence Harbor, Rhode Island.

Pawtucket River, Rhode Island, with a view to increasing the width of channel through the ledge near Pawtucket.

Sterling Basin, at Greenport, New York, with a view to securing adequate width and depth.

The item for preliminary examination of Jamaica Bay with a view to obtaining a channel one hundred feet wide and six feet deep to

and through Great South Bay to Peconic Bay, including channels to Parsonage and Sumpawans River and Freeport and Massapequa Creeks, in the river and harbor Act approved March second, nineteen hundred and seven, is modified to permit the consideration of a channel of suitable depth and width.

Flushing Bay, New York.

The Kill van Kull from Shooters Island west to junction of channels with a view to dredging shoals between channels to provide anchorage grounds.

Bay Ridge Channel, New York Harbor, New York.

Harlem River, New York.

New York Harbor: West side of upper bay from Constable Hook to Ellis Island.

Gardiners Island, New York, with a view to the construction of a breakwater.

Youghiogheny River, Pennsylvania, from its mouth to West Newton, including a report on existing and prospective water terminals.

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Pennsylvania.

Harbor at Poplar Island, Maryland.

Northwest River, Virginia-North Carolina: From at or near Woodward's Bridge upstream so flat lighters, and so forth, may ascend, with a width of channel of not less than forty feet, as far as the Cornland Causeway Road, or beyond that point as far as practicable, and to take into consideration any proposition for the cooperation on the part of local or State interests, for the payment of one-half the expense of this project, and to report the possible utility of the whole river, from its mouth to its source, if adequately improved to meet the requirements of its connecting waters, for the national defense.

Maryland.

Virginia-North Carolina.

Trent River, North Carolina, with a view to deepening the channel along that portion of the river known as Foys Flats, and creating a turning basin at the confluence of Mill Creek and Trent River.

North Carolina.

Harbor of Silver Lake, Ocracoke Island, and entrance thereto from Pamlico Sound, North Carolina.

Smiths Creek, Pamlico County, North Carolina.

Broad Creek, Pamlico County, North Carolina.

Queens Creek, Onslow County, North Carolina.

Northeast River, Duplin County, North Carolina.

Little River, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Lynchs River, South Carolina.

South Carolina.

Broad and Congaree Rivers, at or near Columbia, South Carolina, with a view to improvement for navigation, consideration being given to any proposition of local cooperation.

Charleston Harbor and Cooper River, South Carolina, from the entrance to Sanders Creek, including Town Creek Channel.

Church and Bohicket Creeks and Church Flats, South Carolina, from the North Edisto River to the Stono River.

Ashley River, South Carolina, from the Standard Wharf of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company to Lambs, with a view of improving the channel to a depth of not less than eight feet.

Georgia.

For the construction of a navigable waterway, of suitable depth and width to answer the needs of commerce, connecting the waters of the Flint and Ocmulgee Rivers in the State of Georgia.

Savannah River at and near Augusta, Georgia, for the purpose of determining what erosion is taking place and what improvements are necessary to prevent the same in the interest of navigation; also the consideration of any proposition for cooperation on the part of local or State interests.

Canaveral Harbor, Florida.

Florida.

Banana Creek, Florida.

Indian and Halifax Rivers, Florida.

Little Sarasota Bay, Florida, from Sarasota Bay to Venice.

Miami Harbor (Biscayne Bay), Florida.

Withlacoochee River, Florida, between Dunnellon and Lake Panasoffkee.

Lake Worth Inlet, Palm Beach County, Florida.

Charlotte Harbor, Florida, with a view to securing a channel of increased depth from the Gulf of Mexico to the town of Boca Grande.

Pithlachascotee River, Florida.

Peace River, Florida.

Braden River, Manatee County, Florida.

Hillsboro River, Florida, from Michigan Avenue to Lafayette Street Bridge, Tampa.

Mississippi

Back Bay of Biloxi, Mississippi, with a view to removing shoals at Cranes Neck and Biloxi Mud Flats and securing a depth of twelve feet.

Louisiana.

Bayou Tigre, Louisiana.

Atchafalaya River and Bayous Courtableau, Teche, and Vermilion, with a view to forming navigable connections between said streams, including consideration of any propositions for cooperation on the part of local interests.

Bayou Dorcheat, Louisiana, through Lake Bistaneau and Loggy Bayou.

Bayou Terrebonne, Louisiana, between Houma and Thibodaux.

Bayou Lacassine, Louisiana.

Bayou Chene, Louisiana.

Shallow Bayou, Louisiana.

Intracoastal waterway from Calcasieu River, Louisiana, to Sabine River, Texas and Louisiana, with a view to securing such width and depth as will meet the demands of commerce.

Calcasieu River from the Gulf of Mexico to the city of Lake Charles, Louisiana, with a view to providing greater depth of water.

Texas.

Old River, Chambers County, Texas.

Galveston Bay at Smiths Point, Texas.

Channel from Aransas Pass to Corpus Christi, Texas.

Waterway in Texas from the jetties at Sabine Pass through the Port Arthur Ship Channel to Port Arthur and through the Sabine-Neches Canal to the mouths of the Neches and Sabine Rivers, and thence up said rivers to Beaumont and Orange, respectively, and also through Taylors Bayou from the Government turning basin to the Southern Pacific Railway Bridge, with a view to deepening and widening such waterways, making necessary cut-offs, and otherwise improving same for navigation and commerce.

Arkansas and Missouri.

Black River, Arkansas and Missouri.

Black River, Arkansas and Missouri, above Black Rock, Arkansas, an instrumental survey with a view to preparing plans and estimates of cost for caring for flood waters in said river and to determining whether a portion of the flood waters of the Saint Francois River should be diverted to the Black River, and what additional cost such diversion would involve in connection with the works on the Black River. The report of survey shall also include consideration of any proposition by local interests for participation in the expense of said project on account of the reclamation of contiguous lands or other lands subject to overflow by said streams.

Galveston, Tex.

The Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to appoint a board of engineers to make a survey of Galveston Island and Galveston Channel, Texas, east of the causeway, and to prepare plans and estimates for their protection against storms and erosions, including the protection of the instrumentalities and aids to commerce located there.

Channel connecting the Houston Ship Channel with the Goose Creek oil field, Harris County, Texas.

Tennessee River, Tennessee, with a view to locating one low dam at mouth of Whites Creek and one low dam at the mouth of the Clinch River.

Tennessee.

Little Tennessee River, Tennessee.

Black River at Lorain, Ohio.

Ohio.

New Buffalo Harbor, Michigan.

Michigan.

Pentwater Harbor, Michigan.

Wisconsin.

Kenosha Harbor, Wisconsin.

Illinois.

Bar in Lake Michigan in front of the United States naval training station, Great Lakes, Illinois, with a view to dredging said bar so as to permit lake vessels to land at said station.

The Secretary of War is authorized to make such preliminary examinations as can be made from available data, without making field surveys, touching the creation of conditions in or paralleling the Saint Lawrence River from Lake Ontario to the Canadian border suitable in all respects for navigation by ocean-going ships, including such approximate estimate of cost of improvement as can be predicated on such available data and an approximation of the amount of power, if any, that would be incident thereto.

Ship canal, Lake Ontario to Saint Lawrence River, N. Y.

Missouri River between Yankton and Vermilion, South Dakota.

South Dakota.

Los Angeles Harbor, California, with a view to dredging a channel of adequate width and depth in the West Basin.

California.

Harbor at Newport, California.

Sacramento River, California, from the city of Sacramento to the city of Colusa, with a view to providing a channel six feet in depth.

Petaluma Creek, California.

Haydens Slough, Columbia River, near Portland, Oregon, with a view to the relocation of the dike near upper end.

Oregon.

The Secretary of War is directed to make a survey and submit a report to Congress with a view to securing a channel thirty-five feet deep in the Lower Columbia and Willamette Rivers below Portland, Oregon.

Main ship channel in or near the mouth of the Columbia River on the southerly or Oregon side from a point in the vicinity of Point Adams along channel to or a short distance above Tongue Point, and of Youngs Bay from the Columbia River channel to a point one mile above the county bridge, so as to give a depth of forty feet at low tide.

The Secretary of War is directed to make a survey and submit a report to Congress upon the advisability of securing a channel in the Columbia River from the mouth of the Willamette River to the eastern limits of the city of Vancouver, Washington, equal in width and depth to the project channel from the mouth of the Willamette to the city of Portland, Oregon, and what cooperation, if any, should be given.

Washington and Oregon.

Columbia River between Carrolls, Washington, and Stella, Washington, and the Cowlitz River below Ostrander, Washington, with a view to devising plans for bank protection, including consideration of any proposition for cooperation on the part of local or State interests.

Willamette Slough, Oregon, with a view to removing old dikes and breakwaters now obstructing navigation.

East Channel, Coos River, Oregon.

Tillamook Bay and River and Hoquarten Slough, Oregon, with a view to securing the most feasible channel from the entrance to the city of Tillamook.

Black River and Renton Harbor, Washington.

Washington.

Mouth of the Cowlitz River, Washington, for the purpose of determining the advisability of the construction of a jetty, or other means, for deepening the channel at the mouth of the river.

Alaska.

Proviso.
Restriction until close
of present war.

Minnesota, North and
South Dakota.
Improvements
of boundary waters by,
consented to.

Surveys, etc.

Appropriation.

Restriction on pri-
vate contract work.

Regulation of har-
bors, etc.
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Use of navigable wa-
ters to be regulated by
Secretary of War.
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amended.

Posting of regula-
tions.

Punishment for vio-
lations.

Regulation of areas
adjacent to target prac-
tice, fortifications, etc.
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Waterway between Port Townsend Bay and Oak Bay in Jefferson County, Washington, with a view to increased width and depth.

Controller Bay, Alaska.

Provided, That no survey herein provided for shall be made until after the close of the war with Germany except such as the Secretary of War shall direct.

SEC. 5. That Congress hereby consents that the States of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota, or any two of them, may enter into any agreement or agreements with each other to aid in improving navigation and to prevent and control floods on boundary waters of said States and the waters tributary thereto. And said States, or any two of them, may agree with each other upon any project or projects for the purpose of making such improvements, and upon the amount of money to be contributed by each to carry out such projects. The Secretary of War is authorized and directed to make a survey of any project proposed, as aforesaid, by said States, or any two of them, to determine the feasibility and practicability thereof and the expenses of carrying the same into effect and what share of such expenses should be borne by the respective States, local interests, or by the National Government. If the Secretary of War approves any such projects, he may authorize the States to make such improvements at their own expense, but under his supervision. That the sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of enabling the Secretary of War to make the surveys and estimates herein contemplated.

SEC. 6. That no part of the funds herein appropriated shall be used to pay for any work done by private contract if the contract price is more than twenty-five per centum in excess of the estimated cost of doing the work by Government plant.

SEC. 7. That section four of the river and harbor Act of August eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, as amended by section eleven of the river and harbor Act of June thirteenth, nineteen hundred and two, be, and is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to prescribe such regulations for the use, administration, and navigation of the navigable waters of the United States as in his judgment the public necessity may require for the protection of life and property, or of operations of the United States in channel improvement, covering all matters not specifically delegated by law to some other executive department. Such regulations shall be posted, in conspicuous and appropriate places, for the information of the public; and every person and every corporation which shall violate such regulations shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction thereof in any district court of the United States within whose territorial jurisdiction such offense may have been committed, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500, or by imprisonment (in the case of a natural person) not exceeding six months, in the discretion of the court."

SEC. 8. That, in the interest of the national defense and for the better protection of life and property on said waters, the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and empowered to prescribe such regulations as he may deem best for the use and navigation of any portion of areas of the navigable waters of the United States or waters under the jurisdiction of the United States endangered or likely to be endangered by Coast Artillery fire in target practice or otherwise, or by the proving operations of the Government ordnance proving ground at Sandy Hook, New Jersey, or at any Government ordnance proving ground that may be established elsewhere on or near such waters, and of any portion or area of said waters occupied by sub-

marine mines, mine fields, submarine cables, or other material and accessories pertaining to seacoast fortifications; and the said Secretary of War shall have like power to regulate the transportation of explosives upon any of said waters.

That to enforce the regulations prescribed pursuant to this section the Secretary of War may detail any public vessel in the service of the War Department, or, upon the request of the Secretary of War, the head of any other department may enforce, and the head of any such department is hereby authorized to enforce, such regulations by means of any public vessel of such department.

SEC. 9. That whenever any State, or any reclamation, flood control or drainage district, or other public agency created by any State, shall undertake to secure any land or easement therein, needed in connection with a work of river and harbor improvement duly authorized by Congress, for the purpose of conveying the same to the United States free of cost, and shall be unable for any reason to obtain the same by purchase and acquire a valid title thereto, the Secretary of War may, in his discretion, cause proceedings to be instituted in the name of the United States for the acquirement by condemnation of said land or easement, and it shall be the duty of the Attorney General of the United States to institute and conduct such proceedings upon the request of the Secretary of War: *Provided*, That all expenses of said proceedings and any award that may be made thereunder shall be paid by such State, or reclamation, flood control or drainage district, or other public agency as aforesaid, to secure which payment the Secretary of War may require such State, or reclamation, flood control or drainage district, or other public agency as aforesaid, to execute a proper bond in such amount as he may deem necessary before said proceedings are commenced.

SEC. 10. That section four of the river and harbor Act of July twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and sixteen, be, and is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. That there shall be printed one thousand five hundred copies of an index to the annual reports of the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, from nineteen hundred and thirteen to nineteen hundred and seventeen, inclusive, which shall be supplemental to the index published in House Document Numbered Seven hundred and forty, Sixty-third Congress, second session, covering the period from eighteen hundred and sixty-six to nineteen hundred and twelve, inclusive, authorized by section six of the river and harbor Act approved July twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and twelve, and shall also include an index of congressional documents relating to works of river and harbor improvement which have not been published in the annual reports of the Chief of Engineers, and an index of such other professional papers relating to the work of the Engineer Department as the Chief of Engineers may select for this purpose."

SEC. 11. The Secretary of War is hereby directed to report without delay to Congress the survey provided for by the river and harbor Act of nineteen hundred and thirteen relative to the encroachments and obstructions in the Chicago River and all its branches, together with such encroachments as have been made in and along the lake front between Lincoln Park and the Indiana State line.

SEC. 12. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized, under such terms, including a reasonable rental, to be approved by him, to permit the Betterton-Morgan Company Inc. to construct a dock or docks upon lots one, two, and three, block six, Seattle tidelands, or upon such portions thereof as he may designate, the construction of said docks to be under the supervision of and all material used therein to be approved by the Secretary of War and the necessary expenses of such supervision and construction to be borne by said company. Said company shall maintain said docks at its own

Transporting explosives.

Enforcement.

Proceedings to secure title to lands to be given for improvements by State authorities, etc.

Proviso.
Reimbursement of expenses.

Engineer reports.
Vol. 39, p. 411, amended.

Index to, 1913 to 1917, ordered printed.

Vol. 37, p. 233.
Additional matter.

Chicago, Ill.
Report of survey of harbor encroachments required.
Vol. 37, p. 817.

Seattle, Wash.
Betterton-Morgan Company Inc. may construct dock on tidelands.

Terms and conditions.

- expense and use and maintain the same under such regulations as the Secretary of War may prescribe. Said company shall vacate said docks and remove all its property therefrom upon twenty-four hours' notice to do so from the Secretary of War, and it shall give the Secretary of War satisfactory assurances that upon thirty days' notice to do so it will demolish said docks and remove all debris pertaining thereto as may be required by the Secretary of War. Said docks shall from the time of their construction be the property of the United States and subject to the use of the United States for any purpose whatsoever, and the only interest the said company shall have hereunder is a revocable license to use the same under the terms and conditions set out herein.
- Government use, etc.
- Rentals for use of Government plants.
- San Diego, Cal.
Atchison, Topeka
and Santa Fe Railway
Company may retain
wharf at.
- Conditions.
- Provisos.
Agreement as to dis-
putes.
- Improvements, etc.,
by the Government.
- Alterations, etc., by
railway company not
required.
- Mosquito Creek, S. C.
Declared nonnaviga-
ble.
- Bayou Meto, Ark.
Declared nonnaviga-
ble.
- Saint Marys River,
Ohio and Ind.
Declared nonnaviga-
ble.
- SEC. 13. That amounts hereafter paid by private parties or other agencies for rental of plant owned by the Government in connection with the prosecution of river and harbor works shall be deposited in each case to the credit of the appropriation to which the plant belongs.
- SEC. 14. That the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, of Kansas, a corporation created under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Kansas, be, and it is hereby, granted authority to maintain its wharf, known as "long wharf," in the harbor of San Diego, California, where the same extends across certain submerged lands of the United States, ceded to the United States by act of the Legislature of the State of California, approved March ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, which said submerged lands lie in front of certain upland property of the United States described as lots one to nineteen of block eighteen of the city of San Diego, upon the following conditions and limitations: That the United States shall have free use of the so-called "west wharf" of the said railway company, adjoining and connected with the said "long wharf" in the harbor of San Diego, under such rules and regulations as may from time to time be agreed upon between the local representatives of the railway company and the commanding officer of Fort Rosecrans, California: *Provided*, That if, at any time, the said parties shall fail to agree as to said rules and regulations, the United States shall have the occupancy and use of said wharf until the controversy shall have been referred to the general manager of the railway company and the department commander, Western Department, United States Army, for decision, and an agreement shall have been reached by them in the matter, or by one of them and an umpire to be selected by them: *Provided further*, That the United States shall have the right to make such improvements to the said "west wharf" at its own expense as may be necessary to give the United States adequate and reasonable accommodations, provided such improvements shall be made without unnecessary interference with the operation of the railway company in its relations to the public as a common carrier and in its use of the said wharf as such common carrier: *And provided further*, That the railway company shall not be required to add to or alter the said "west wharf" or to add to or alter the warehouse and storeroom accommodations connected therewith. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this section is hereby expressly reserved.
- SEC. 15. That Mosquito Creek, in Colleton County, South Carolina, be, and the same is hereby, declared to be a nonnavigable stream within the meaning of the Constitution and laws of the United States.
- SEC. 16. That Bayou Meto, in the State of Arkansas, be, and the same is hereby, declared to be a nonnavigable stream within the meaning of the Constitution and laws of the United States.
- SEC. 17. That Saint Marys River, Ohio and Indiana, be, and the same hereby is, declared to be a nonnavigable stream within the meaning of the Constitution and laws of the United States.

SEC. 18. That a commission, to be known as the Waterways Commission, consisting of seven members to be appointed by the President of the United States, at least one of whom shall be chosen from the active or retired list of the Engineers Corps of the Army, at least one of whom shall be an expert hydraulic engineer from civil life, and the remaining five of whom may each be selected either from civil life or the public service, is hereby created and authorized, under such rules and regulations as the President may prescribe, and subject to the approval of the heads of the several executive departments concerned, to bring into coordination and cooperation the engineering, scientific, and constructive services, bureaus, boards, and commissions of the several governmental departments of the United States and commissions created by Congress that relate to study, development, or control of waterways and water resources and subjects related thereto, or to the development and regulation of interstate and foreign commerce, with a view to uniting such services in investigating, with respect to all watersheds in the United States, questions relating to the development, improvement, regulation, and control of navigation as a part of interstate and foreign commerce, including therein the related questions of irrigation, drainage, forestry, arid and swamp land reclamation, clarification of streams, regulation of flow, control of floods, utilization of water power, prevention of soil erosion and waste, storage, and conservation of water for agricultural, industrial, municipal, and domestic uses, cooperation of railways and waterways, and promotion of terminal and transfer facilities, to secure the necessary data, and to formulate and report to Congress, as early as practicable, a comprehensive plan or plans for the development of waterways and the water resources of the United States for the purposes of navigation and for every useful purpose, and recommendations for the modification or discontinuance of any project herein or heretofore adopted. Any member appointed from the retired list shall receive the same pay and allowances as he would if on the active list, and no member selected from the public service shall receive additional compensation for services on said commission, and members selected from civil life shall receive compensation of \$7,500 per annum.

In all matters done, or to be done, under this section relating to any of the subjects, investigations, or questions to be considered hereunder, and in formulating plans, and in the preparation of a report or reports, as herein provided, consideration shall be given to all matters which are to be undertaken, either independently by the United States or by cooperation between the United States and the several States, political subdivisions thereof, municipalities, communities, corporations, and individuals within the jurisdiction, powers, and rights of each, respectively, and with a view to assigning to the United States such portion of such development, promotion, regulation, and control as may be undertaken by the United States, and to the States, political subdivisions thereof, municipalities, communities, corporations, and individuals such portions as belong to their respective jurisdictions, rights, and interests.

The commission is authorized to employ, or retain, and fix the compensation for the services of such engineers, transportation experts, experts in water development and utilization, and constructors of eminence as it may deem necessary to make such investigations and to carry out the purposes of this section. And in order to defray the expenses made necessary by the provisions of this section there is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as Congress may hereafter determine, and the sum of \$100,000 is hereby appropriated, available until expended, to be paid out upon warrants drawn on the Secretary of the Treasury by the chairman of said commission.

The commission shall have power to make every expenditure requisite for and incident to its authorized work, and to employ in

Waterways Commission.
Composition of.

Created to formulate plans for developing water resources for navigation, etc.

Subjects for study, etc., designated.

Report of plans to Congress.

Compensation of commission.

Consideration of rights, etc., of United States, States, etc., respecting proposed projects.

Engineers, technical experts, etc., to be employed.

Appropriation for expenses.

Authority for expenditures.

the District of Columbia and in the field such clerical, legal, engineering, artistic, and expert services as it may deem advisable, including the payment of per diem in lieu of subsistence for employees engaged in field work or traveling on official business, rent of offices in the District of Columbia and in the field, and the purchase of books, maps, and office equipment.

River and harbor projects not interfered with, etc.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to delay, prevent, or interfere with the completion of any survey, investigation, project, or work herein or heretofore or hereafter adopted or authorized upon or for the improvement of any of the rivers or harbors of the United States or with legislative action upon reports heretofore or hereafter presented.

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Interstate Commerce Commission.

Membership enlarged.
Vol. 34, p. 595, amended.

Appointment of new members.

Expiration of terms.

Successors to serve seven years.

Political selection.

Conduct of proceedings, etc.
Vol. 25, p. 861, amended.

Quorum.

General rules, orders, etc.

Appearances, etc.

CHAP. 50.—An Act To amend the Act to regulate commerce, as amended, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twenty-four of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate commerce," approved February fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, as amended, be further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 24. That the Interstate Commerce Commission is hereby enlarged so as to consist of nine members, with terms of seven years, and each shall receive \$10,000 compensation annually. The qualifications of the members and the manner of the payment of their salaries shall be as already provided by law. Such enlargement of the commission shall be accomplished through appointment by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, of two additional Interstate Commerce Commissioners, one for a term expiring December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and one for a term expiring December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and twenty-two. The terms of the present commissioners, or of any successor appointed to fill a vacancy caused by the death or resignation of any of the present commissioners, shall expire as heretofore provided by law. Their successors and the successors of the additional commissioners herein provided for shall be appointed for the full term of seven years, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall be appointed only for the unexpired term of the commissioner whom he shall succeed. Not more than five commissioners shall be appointed from the same political party."

SEC. 2. That section seventeen of said Act, as amended, be further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 17. That the commission may conduct its proceedings in such manner as will best conduce to the proper dispatch of business and to the ends of justice. The commission shall have an official seal, which shall be judicially noticed. Any member of the commission may administer oaths and affirmations and sign subpoenas. A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except as may be otherwise herein provided, but no commissioner shall participate in any hearing or proceeding in which he has any pecuniary interest. The commission may, from time to time, make or amend such general rules or orders as may be requisite for the order and regulation of proceedings before it, or before any division of the commission, including forms of notices and the service thereof, which shall conform, as nearly as may be, to those in use in the courts of the United States. Any party may appear before the commission or any division thereof and be heard in person or by attorney. Every vote and official act of the commission, or of any