

Statement of bal-
ances, etc.

Meeting of deficits.

Pending interstate
commerce and anti-
trust cases not affected
hereby.

Stay of execution au-
thorized.

Limit of Federal con-
trol.

Proviso.
Relinquishment of
systems not needed.

State tax laws, etc.,
not impaired.

Exceptions.

Emergency character
of Act declared.
No future policy to
be assumed.

March 21, 1918.
[H. R. 175.]
[Public, No. 108.]

Public lands.

of such Federal control, and disbursements shall be made only for that portion of such taxes as is due for the part of such tax year which falls within the period of Federal control.

At such periods as the President may direct, the books shall be closed and the balance of revenues over disbursements shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the revolving fund created by this Act. If such revenues are insufficient to meet such disbursements, the deficit shall be paid out of such revolving fund in such manner as the President may direct.

SEC. 13. That all pending cases in the courts of the United States affecting railroads or other transportation systems brought under the Act to regulate commerce, approved February fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, as amended and supplemented, including the commodities clause, so called, or under the Act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies, approved July second, eighteen hundred and ninety, and amendments thereto, shall proceed to final determination as soon as may be, as if the United States had not assumed control of transportation systems; but in any such case the court having jurisdiction may, upon the application of the United States, stay execution of final judgment or decree until such time as it shall deem proper.

SEC. 14. That the Federal control of railroads and transportation systems herein and heretofore provided for shall continue for and during the period of the war and for a reasonable time thereafter, which shall not exceed one year and nine months next following the date of the proclamation by the President of the exchange of ratifications of the treaty of peace: *Provided, however,* That the President may, prior to July first, nineteen hundred and eighteen, relinquish control of all or any part of any railroad or system of transportation, further Federal control of which the President shall deem not needful or desirable; and the President may at any time during the period of Federal control agree with the owners thereof to relinquish all or any part of any railroad or system of transportation. The President may relinquish all railroads and systems of transportation under Federal control at any time he shall deem such action needful or desirable. No right to compensation shall accrue to such owners from and after the date of relinquishment for the property so relinquished.

SEC. 15. That nothing in this Act shall be construed to amend, repeal, impair, or affect the existing laws or powers of the States in relation to taxation or the lawful police regulations of the several States, except wherein such laws, powers, or regulations may affect the transportation of troops, war materials, Government supplies, or the issue of stocks and bonds.

SEC. 16. That this Act is expressly declared to be emergency legislation enacted to meet conditions growing out of war; and nothing herein is to be construed as expressing or prejudicing the future policy of the Federal Government concerning the ownership, control, or regulation of carriers or the method or basis of the capitalization thereof.

Approved, March 21, 1918.

CHAP. 26.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and fifteen and for prior years, and for other purposes."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the last three paragraphs of section five of the Act of March fourth,

nineteen hundred and fifteen, "An Act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and fifteen, and for prior years, and for other purposes," be, and the same are hereby, extended and made applicable to any lawful pending desert-land entry made prior to March fourth, nineteen hundred and fifteen: *Provided*, That in cases where such entries have been assigned prior to the date of the Act the assignees shall, if otherwise qualified, be entitled to the benefit hereof.

Approved, March 21, 1918.

Time extended for completing desert land entries prior to March 4, 1915.
Vol. 38, p. 1161.

Proviso.
Assignments included.

CHAP. 27.—Joint Resolution Amending the Act of July second, nineteen hundred and nine, governing the holding of civil service examinations.

March 27, 1918.
[S. J. Res. 117.]
[Pub. Res., No. 24.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of July second, nineteen hundred and nine (Thirty-sixth Statutes at Large, Numbered One), is hereby amended so as to permit the United States Civil Service Commission, during the period of the present war, to hold examinations of applicants for positions in the Government service in the District of Columbia, and to permit applicants from the several States and Territories of the United States to take said examinations in the said District of Columbia and elsewhere in the United States where examinations are usually held. Said examinations shall be permitted in addition to those required to be held by said Act of July second, nineteen hundred and nine (Thirty-sixth Statutes at Large, Numbered One): *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be so construed as to abridge the existing law of apportionment or change the requirements of existing law as to legal residence and domicile of such applicants.

Civil service examinations.
Applicants for positions may be examined in District of Columbia during the war.
Vol. 38, p. 3, amended.

Proviso.
Apportionment, etc., unchanged.

Approved, March 27, 1918.

CHAP. 28.—An Act Making appropriations to supply urgent deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and prior fiscal years, on account of war expenses, and for other purposes.

March 28, 1918.
[H. R. 9867.]
[Public, No. 109.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply urgent deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and prior fiscal years, on account of war expenses, and for other purposes, namely:

Deficiencies appropriations for war expenses, etc.
Post, pp. 594, 821, 1020, 1161.

ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN.

For expenses of the Alien Property Custodian authorized by the Act entitled "An Act to define, regulate, and punish trading with the enemy, and for other purposes," approved October sixth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, including personal and other services and rental of quarters in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, per diem allowances in lieu of subsistence not exceeding \$4, traveling expenses, printing and binding, and necessary supplies and equipment, \$225,000.

Alien Property Custodian.

Expenses for services, supplies, etc.
Ante, p. 415.

The President is authorized to acquire the title to the docks, piers, warehouses, wharves, and terminal equipment and facilities on the Hudson River now owned by the North German Lloyd Dock Company and the Hamburg-American Line Terminal and Navigation Company, two corporations of the State of New Jersey, if he shall

Docks, etc., on Hudson River.
Property of North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American lines to be taken.
Post, p. 1804.