

"SEC. 5. That the terms of the district court for the eastern district of South Carolina shall be held at Charleston on the second Monday in October, the third Monday in January, and the fourth Monday in May; at Columbia on the first Monday in November and the third Monday in March; at Florence on the first Monday in December and the fourth Monday in April; and at Aiken on the fourth Monday in September and the second Monday in February.

Terms of court.
Eastern district.

"Terms of the district court of the western district shall be held at Greenville on the first Tuesday in April and the first Tuesday in October; at Rock Hill, the second Tuesday in March and September; at Greenwood, the first Tuesday in February and November; at Anderson, the fourth Tuesday in May and November; and at Spartanburg, on the third Tuesday in February and second Tuesday in December.

Western district.

"The office of the clerk of the district court for the western district shall be at Greenville, and the office of the clerk of the district court for the eastern district shall be at Charleston.

Offices of clerks at
Greenville and Charleston.

"This Act shall take effect on the 1st day of July next ensuing its passage."

Effective date.

Approved, January 30, 1925.

CHAP. 119.—An Act Authorizing and directing the Secretary of War to investigate the feasibility, and to ascertain and report the cost of establishing a national military park in and about Kansas City, Missouri, commemorative of the Battle of Westport, October 23, 1864.

January 30, 1925.
[H. R. 5417.]
[Public, No. 352.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to investigate the feasibility of establishing a national military park in and about Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, for the purpose of commemorating the Battle of Westport, and engagements therewith connected, occurring on October 21 to October 23, 1864, both dates inclusive, and the preservation of said battle field, or so much thereof as may be suitable, for historical purposes, and to prepare plans of such park and an estimate of the cost of establishing and acquiring the same and obtain such further information as may enable Congress to act upon the matter after being fully advised.

National military
park.
Feasibility, etc., of
establishing, in Kansas
City, commemorative
of Battle of Westport.

SEC. 2. To aid and assist him in this undertaking, the Secretary of War is authorized to appoint a Commission of not to exceed three persons who shall serve without compensation or expense to the Government.

Commission author-
ized.

SEC. 3. That the expense of the investigation herein directed to be made shall be paid from the appropriation to the War Department from "Contingencies of the Army."

Expenses from Army
contingencies.

Approved, January 30, 1925.

CHAP. 120.—Joint Resolution Directing the Interstate Commerce Commission to take action relative to adjustments in the rate structure of common carriers subject to the Interstate Commerce Act, and the fixing of rates and charges.

January 30, 1925.
[S. J. Res. 107.]
[Pub. Res. No. 46.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it is hereby declared to be the true policy in rate making to be pursued by the Interstate Commerce Commission in adjusting freight rates, that the conditions which at any given time prevail in our several industries should be considered in so far as it is legally possible to do so, to the end that commodities may freely move.

Interstate commerce.
Policy declared that
freight rates in, be ad-
justed to secure free
moving of commodities.

Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate if existing rates are unjust, discriminatory, etc.

Defects to be corrected by necessary changes, etc.

Elements to be considered in making changes, etc.

Orders to be expeditiously issued to place rates in classes of traffic on just and reasonable basis.

Pending investigations to be considered.

Agricultural products and livestock. Changes to be made for lowest possible rates on, compatible with adequate transportation service.

Proviso. Pending cases involving rates for agricultural products not to be delayed.

That the Interstate Commerce Commission is authorized and directed to make a thorough investigation of the rate structure of common carriers subject to the interstate commerce act, in order to determine to what extent and in what manner existing rates and charges may be unjust, unreasonable, unjustly discriminatory, or unduly preferential, thereby imposing undue burdens, or giving undue advantage as between the various localities and parts of the country, the various classes of traffic, and the various classes and kinds of commodities, and to make, in accordance with law, such changes, adjustments, and redistribution of rates and charges as may be found necessary to correct any defects so found to exist. In making any such change, adjustment, or redistribution the commission shall give due regard, among other factors, to the general and comparative levels in market value of the various classes and kinds of commodities as indicated over a reasonable period of years to a natural and proper development of the country as a whole, and to the maintenance of an adequate system of transportation. In the progress of such investigation the commission shall, from time to time, and as expeditiously as possible, make such decisions and orders as it may find to be necessary or appropriate upon the record then made in order to place the rates upon designated classes of traffic upon a just and reasonable basis with relation to other rates. Such investigation shall be conducted with due regard to other investigations or proceedings affecting rate adjustments which may be pending before the commission.

In view of the existing depression in agriculture, the commission is hereby directed to effect with the least practicable delay such lawful changes in the rate structure of the country as will promote the freedom of movement by common carriers of the products of agriculture affected by that depression, including livestock, at the lowest possible lawful rates compatible with the maintenance of adequate transportation service: *Provided*, That no investigation or proceeding resulting from the adoption of this resolution shall be permitted to delay the decision of cases now pending before the commission involving rates on products of agriculture, and that such cases shall be decided in accordance with this resolution.

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January 31, 1925.
[H. R. 8308.]
[Public, No. 353.]

CHAP. 121.—An Act Authorizing the Coast and Geodetic Survey to make seismological investigations, and for other purposes

Earthquakes. Coast and Geodetic Survey to investigate, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Coast and Geodetic Survey is hereby authorized to make investigations and reports in seismology, including such investigations as have been heretofore performed by the Weather Bureau

Approved, January 31, 1925.

January 31, 1925.
[H. R. 10947.]
[Public, No. 354.]

CHAP. 122.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the county of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, to construct a bridge across the Monongahela River in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Monongahela River. Allegheny County may bridge, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the county of Allegheny, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Monongahela River at a point suitable to the interests of