

Liquidation period; disposition of property and records.

SEC. 2. The Railroad Retirement Board as established by and pursuant to section 9 of the Railroad Retirement Act and section 1 hereof is hereby continued for a period of sixty days from the enactment hereof for the purpose of liquidating its affairs; returning documents in its possession to those from whom they were procured and whose property they are, after recording therefrom such information as in its judgment should be preserved or making photostatic copies thereof, where necessary; arranging for turning over the records, papers, and property of the Board to such agency as the President shall designate; and making a report upon its activities and experience to the President for transmission to Congress.

Report.

Maintenance of facilities; personnel, etc.

SEC. 3. The Board shall maintain such offices, use such equipment, furnishings, supplies, services, and facilities and employ such persons as in its judgment may be necessary for the proper discharge of its duties.

Appropriation authorized.

Ante, p. 575.

SEC. 4. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$35,000 to pay to the Board and its employees for services heretofore rendered on, prior to, and subsequent to May 6, 1935, and for services to be rendered during the next sixty days after the enactment hereof, the compensation to which they would have been entitled for such services if the Railroad Retirement Act had been held constitutional, and to pay any expenses heretofore incurred and not yet paid and the expenses necessary in carrying out this joint resolution.

Refunds.

SEC. 5. The Board is hereby authorized and directed to refund to its past and present employees and to its members, all compensation earned by them but withheld as employee contributions to the railroad retirement fund, and deposited to the credit of said fund in the Treasury, and said fund is hereby appropriated and made available for such refundments accordingly.

Approved, January 21, 1936.

[CHAPTER 25.]

AN ACT

To amend paragraph (f) of section 4 of the Communications Act of 1934.

January 22, 1936.
[S. 1336.]
[Public, No. 423.]

Communications Act of 1934, amendment.
Vol. 48, p. 1067.
U. S. C., p. 2083.

Federal Communications Commission.
Appointment of chief accountant and assistants.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph (f) of section 4 of the Communications Act, 1934, is hereby amended by adding after the words "a chief engineer and not more than three assistants", the words "a chief accountant and not more than three assistants", and by adding after the words "and the chief engineer", the words "and the chief accountant", and by adding after the word "engineers" the word "accountants"; so that paragraph (f) of section 4, as amended, will read as follows:

"(f) Without regard to the civil-service laws or the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, (1) the Commission may appoint and prescribe the duties and fix the salaries of a secretary, a director for each division, a chief engineer and not more than three assistants, a chief accountant and not more than three assistants, a general counsel and not more than three assistants, and temporary counsel designated by the Commission for the performance of special services; and (2) each commissioner may appoint and prescribe the duties of a secretary at an annual salary not to exceed \$4,000. The general counsel and the chief engineer and the chief accountant shall each receive an annual salary of not to exceed \$9,000; the secretary shall receive an annual salary of not to exceed \$7,500; the director of each division shall receive an annual salary of not to exceed \$7,500; and

no assistant shall receive an annual salary in excess of \$7,500. The Commission shall have authority, subject to the provisions of the civil-service laws and the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, to appoint such other officers, engineers, accountants, inspectors, attorneys, examiners, and other employees as are necessary in the execution of its functions."

Other employees.
U. S. C., p. 85.

Approved, January 22, 1936.

[CHAPTER 29.]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act forbidding the transportation of any person in interstate or foreign commerce, kidnaped, or otherwise unlawfully detained, and making such Act a felony", as amended.

January 24, 1936.
[S. 2421.]
[Public, No. 424.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act forbidding the transportation of any person in interstate or foreign commerce, kidnaped, or otherwise unlawfully detained, and making such act a felony", as amended (48 Stat. 781; U. S. C., title 18, secs. 408a, 408b, and 408c, be, and it is hereby amended by the addition of the following section:

Federal Kidnaping Act, amendment.
Vol. 48, p. 781; U. S. C., p. 756.

"SEC. 4. Whoever receives, possesses, or disposes of any money or other property, or any portion thereof, which has at any time been delivered as ransom or reward in connection with a violation of section 1 of this Act, knowing the same to be money or property which has been at any time delivered as such ransom or reward, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than ten years, or both."

Knowingly handling ransom money, etc.

Punishment.

Approved, January 24, 1936.

[CHAPTER 32.]

AN ACT

To provide for the immediate payment of World War adjusted service certificates, for the cancelation of unpaid interest accrued on loans secured by such certificates, and for other purposes.

January 27, 1936.
[H. R. 9870.]
[Public, No. 425.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding the provisions of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 38, ch. 11), the adjusted-service certificates issued under the authority of such Act are hereby declared to be immediately payable. Payments on account of such certificates shall be made in the manner hereinafter provided upon application therefor to the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, and upon surrender of the certificates and all rights thereunder (with or without the consent of the beneficiaries thereof). The payment in each case shall be in an amount equal to the face value of the certificate, except that if, at the time of application for payment under this Act, the principal and unpaid interest accrued prior to October 1, 1931, with respect to any loan upon any such certificate has not been paid in full by the veteran (whether or not the loan has matured), then the Administrator shall (1) pay or discharge such unpaid principal and interest as is necessary to make the certificate available for payment under this Act, (2) deduct such unpaid principal and so much of such unpaid interest as accrued prior to October 1, 1931, from the amount of the face value of the certificate, and (3) certify to the Secretary of the Treasury as payable an amount equal to the difference between the face value of the certificate and the amount so deducted.

Adjusted Compensation Payment Act, 1936.
U. S. C., p. 1680.

Immediate payment of certificates.

Amount.