

dates of return thereto, and where and for whom he was engaged in farm labor during such period or periods of absence: *Provided further*, That nothing herein shall excuse any homestead settler or entryman from making improvements or performing the cultivation required by applicable law upon his claim or entry: *Provided further*, That the provisions of this Act shall apply only to homestead settlers and entrymen who may have filed their application prior to the passage of this Act. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to provide rules and regulations for carrying this Act into effect.

Approved, December 20, 1917.

Cultivation, etc., required.

Restricted to present applications.

**CHAP. 7.**—Joint Resolution Extending the commission provided for in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and for other purposes," approved March third, nineteen hundred and seventeen, with the same authorities, powers, and provisions until on or before March first, nineteen hundred and eighteen.

December 26, 1917.  
[S. J. Res. 114.]

[Pub. Res., No. 19.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the personnel of the membership of the commission created and provided for in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and for other purposes," approved March third, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and authorized and directed to investigate the value of the pneumatic-tube service, their properties, franchises, and other equipment, shall continue with the same authorities, powers, and provisions for expenses until final report is made to Congress, which shall be made on or before March first, nineteen hundred and eighteen.

Postal service.  
Pneumatic-tube  
service investigation  
commission continued  
to March 1, 1918.  
Vol. 39, p. 1063.

Approved, December 26, 1917.

**CHAP. 8.**—Joint Resolution Extending until January first, nineteen hundred and nineteen, the effective date of section ten of the Act entitled "An Act to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies, and for other purposes," approved October fifteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen.

January 12, 1918.  
[S. J. Res. 106.]

[Pub. Res., No. 20.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the effective date on and after which the provisions of section ten of the Act entitled "An Act to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies, and for other purposes," approved October fifteenth, nineteen hundred and fourteen, shall become and be effective is hereby deferred and extended to January first, nineteen hundred and nineteen: *Provided*, That said section shall become effective on January eighth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, as to any corporations hereafter organized.

Antitrust Act, 1914.  
Common carrier prohibited dealing with corporation in which officers interested.  
Effective date extended.  
Vol. 38, p. 734.  
Vol. 39, pp. 674, 1201.

*Proviso.*  
Application to new corporations.

Approved, January 12, 1918.

**CHAP. 9.**—An Act Amending section thirty-two, Federal Farm Loan Act, approved July seventeenth, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

January 18, 1918.  
[S. 3235.]

[Public, No. 95.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Federal Farm Loan Act, approved July seventeenth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, is hereby amended by adding at the end of section thirty-two the following:

Federal Farm Loan Act, 1916.  
Vol. 39, p. 384, amended.

"The Secretary of the Treasury is further authorized, in his discretion, upon the request of the Federal Farm Loan Board, from time

Farm loan bonds.  
Purchase by Treasury from bank issuing.

to time during the fiscal years ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and nineteen, respectively, to purchase at par and accrued interest with any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, from any Federal land bank, farm loan bonds issued by such bank.

Limitation.

"Such purchases shall not exceed the sum of \$100,000,000 in either of such fiscal years. Any Federal land bank may at any time repurchase at par and accrued interest for the purpose of redemption or resale any bonds so purchased from it and held in the Treasury.

Redemption after war terminates.

"The bonds of any Federal land bank so purchased by the Secretary of the Treasury, and held in the Treasury under the provisions of this amendment one year after the termination of the pending war, shall upon thirty days' notice from the Secretary of the Treasury be redeemed or repurchased by such bank at par and accrued interest.

Organization of banks continued while bonds so held, etc. Vol. 39, p. 362.

"The temporary organization of any Federal land bank as provided in section four of said Federal Farm Loan Act shall be continued so long as any farm loan bonds purchased from it under the provisions of this amendment shall be held by the Treasury, and until the subscriptions to stock in such bank by national farm loan associations shall equal the amount of stock held in such bank by the Government of the United States."

Inconsistent laws repealed, etc.

SEC. 2. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, and this Act shall take effect upon its passage. The right to amend, alter, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, January 18, 1918.

January 26, 1918.  
[H. R. 6176.]

[Public, No. 96.]

**CHAP. 10.**—An Act Extending the time for the construction of a bridge across the Monongahela River at or near the city of Fairmont, West Virginia.

Monongahela River. Time extended for bridging, Fairmont, W. Va. Vol. 39, p. 52, amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge authorized by the Act of Congress approved April seventeenth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, to be built across the Monongahela River at or near the city of Fairmont, West Virginia, by the city of Fairmont, are hereby extended to one year and three years, respectively, from the seventeenth day of April, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

Amendment.

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

Approved, January 26, 1918.

January 26, 1918.  
[H. R. 7697.]

[Public, No. 97.]

**CHAP. 11.**—An Act To authorize the calling into the service of the United States the militia and other locally created armed forces in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes.

Philippine Islands. Militia, etc., of, may be called into United States service. Post, pp. 500, 1890.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the militia and other locally created armed forces in the Philippine Islands may be called into the service of the United States, and all members thereof may be drafted into said service and organized in such manner as is or may be provided by law for calling or drafting the National Guard into said service, and shall in all respects while therein be upon the same footing with members of the National Guard so called or drafted: *Provided,* That the pay and allowances of officers and men of the Philippine Militia and other locally created armed forces in the Philippine Islands called into the service of the United States

*Provided.*

Pay, etc., limitation.