

Watering troughs to be maintained.

SEC. 6. That the company shall continue to maintain the present watering troughs and supply water as at present for the use of animals lawfully grazing upon such national forest or at such other place along such pipe line, in lieu thereof, as the officer in charge of such national forest shall from time to time direct.

Time for construction.

SEC. 7. That all right of way hereunder for such pipe line not constructed and in use within three years from the date hereof shall cease and determine at the expiration of such period.

No recognition of claims to water, etc.

SEC. 8. That this Act shall not be construed as a recognition of any claim of the El Paso and Rock Island Railway Company, or of concerning water rights in the Hondo River or its tributaries, or of any claim of right to divert water from the watersheds of said streams, or as a waiver of any stipulation heretofore agreed to by the said company for use in the litigation concerning water rights pending in the United States district court for the district of New Mexico in which the United States and the said company are parties.

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[S. 3362.]

[Public, No. 324.]

CHAP. 175.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of Commerce, through the Coast and Geodetic Survey and the Bureau of Fisheries, to make a survey of natural oyster beds, bars and rocks, and barren bottoms contiguous thereto in waters along the coast of and within the State of Texas.

Texas.
Natural oyster beds, etc., to be surveyed, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Commerce be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, upon the request of the governor of the State of Texas, to assign such officers, experts, and employees of the Coast and Geodetic Survey and of the Bureau of Fisheries as may be necessary to make a survey of natural oyster beds, bars and rocks, and barren bottoms contiguous thereto in waters along the coast of and within the State of Texas, including the compilation of the results of said survey for publication, at a total limit of cost of \$10,000, and for this purpose he is authorized to employ in the District of Columbia and elsewhere such technically qualified persons as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

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[Public, No. 325.]

CHAP. 176.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to regulate commerce,' approved February fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, and all Acts amendatory thereof, and to enlarge the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission," approved June twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and six.

Interstate commerce regulations.
Vol. 34, p. 595, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of section seven of an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to regulate commerce,' approved February fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, and all Acts amendatory thereof, and to enlarge the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission," approved June twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and six, as reads as follows, to wit:

Issue of bills of lading.
Carmack amendment.

"That any common carrier, railroad, or transportation company receiving property for transportation from a point in one State to a point in another State shall issue a receipt or a bill of lading therefor, and shall be liable to the lawful holder thereof for any loss, damage, or injury to such property caused by it or by any common carrier, railroad, or transportation company to which such property may be delivered, or over whose line or lines such property may pass, and no contract, receipt, rule, or regulation shall exempt such common carrier, railroad, or transportation company from the liability hereby imposed: *Provided,* That nothing in this section shall