

## [CHAPTER 148]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

April 13, 1938  
[H. J. Res. 594]  
[Pub. Res., No. 87]

Directing the Federal Trade Commission to investigate the policies employed by manufacturers in distributing motor vehicles, accessories, and parts, and the policies of dealers in selling motor vehicles at retail, as these policies affect the public interest.

Federal Trade Commission.  
Investigation of motor vehicle, etc., distribution practices.  
38 Stat. 717.  
15 U. S. C. § 41.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Federal Trade Commission be, and is hereby, directed and authorized under the Act entitled "An Act to create a Federal Trade Commission, to define its powers and duties, and for other purposes", approved September 26, 1914, to investigate the policies employed by manufacturers in distributing motor vehicles, accessories, and parts, and the policies of dealers in selling motor vehicles at retail, as these policies affect the public interest.*

Purpose and scope.  
Extent of concentration of control and monopoly.

The purpose of this investigation shall be to determine—

1. The extent of concentration of control and of monopoly in the manufacturing, warehousing, distribution, and sale of automobiles, accessories, and parts, including methods and devices used by manufacturers for obtaining and maintaining their control or monopoly of such manufacturing, warehousing, distribution, and sale of such commodities, and the extent, if any, to which fraudulent, dishonest, unfair, and injurious methods are employed, including combinations, monopolies, price fixing, or unfair trade practices;

Antitrust law violations.

2. The extent to which any of the antitrust laws of the United States are being violated; and

Powers vested in Commission.

3. For the purposes of the investigation hereby directed and authorized, the Federal Trade Commission is given all the powers conferred upon it by the Federal Trade Commission Act.

Report and recommendations.

SEC. 2. The Federal Trade Commission shall report its findings to the Congress of the United States within one year from date of enactment of this resolution, recommending whatever remedial legislation it deems necessary and proper.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 3. The sum of \$50,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Federal Trade Commission for the purpose of making this investigation.

Approved, April 13, 1938.

## [CHAPTER 157]

## AN ACT

April 15, 1938  
[H. R. 7448]  
[Public, No. 486]

To provide for experimental air-mail services to further develop safety, efficiency, and economy, and for other purposes.

Postal service.  
Experimental air mail services authorized.

Post, pp. 997, 1144.  
Autogiro aircraft shuttle service.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster General is authorized, under such appropriate rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to provide for and supervise experimental services in connection with the transportation of mail by air, including the transportation of mail by autogiro aircraft shuttle service between outlying airports and central city areas, and including the utilization of patented articles and equipment upon payment of just compensation therefor, with the object of further developing safety, efficiency, and economy in air-mail transportation, collection, and delivery. The Postmaster General shall procure any such proposed service by contract with the lowest acceptable and responsible bidder. Such contracts and operations thereunder shall be subject to such requirements relating to safety, technical functions, qualifications of aircraft and*

Contracts and operations, provisions governing.

airmen, and matters connected therewith as the Secretary of Commerce shall prescribe in accordance with the authority vested in him under the Air Commerce Act of 1926, as amended. The provisions of section 13 (relating to pay and working conditions and relations of pilots and other employees) of the Air Mail Act of 1934, approved June 12, 1934, as amended, shall apply to all contracts awarded under this Act.

SEC. 2. The Postmaster General shall report to Congress as soon as practicable the final results of experimental services conducted under this Act, together with his recommendations for legislation to establish on a permanent basis any such services ascertained to be essential or useful in carrying out the object of this Act. He may from time to time make preliminary reports and recommendations to Congress whenever definite conclusions are reached in respect of any such service.

SEC. 3. The first sentence of subsection (f) of section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to revise air-mail laws, and to establish a commission to make a report to the Congress recommending an aviation policy", approved June 12, 1934, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. II, title 39, sec. 469A (f), Public, Numbered 420, approved January 14, 1938), is amended to read as follows:

"(f) The Postmaster General shall not award contracts for air-mail routes or extend such routes in excess of an aggregate of forty thousand miles, and shall not pay for air-mail transportation on such routes and extensions in excess of an annual aggregate of sixty million airplane-miles."

SEC. 4. That subsection (c) of section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to revise air-mail laws, and to establish a commission to make a report to the Congress recommending an aviation policy", approved June 12, 1934, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(c) If, in the opinion of the Postmaster General, the public interest requires it, he may grant extensions at any point of any route: *Provided*, That the aggregate mileage of all such extensions on any one route shall not exceed two hundred and fifty miles, and that the rate of pay for such extensions shall not be in excess of the rate per mile fixed for the service thus extended."

SEC. 5. Subsection (d) of section 7 of the Act entitled "An Act to revise air-mail laws, and to establish a commission to make a report to the Congress recommending an aviation policy", approved June 12, 1934, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(d) No person shall be qualified to enter upon the performance of, or thereafter to hold an air-mail contract, if it pays any officer, director, or regular employee compensation in any form, whether as salary, bonus, commission, or otherwise, at a rate exceeding \$17,500 per year for full time: *Provided*, That it shall be unlawful for any officer or regular employee to draw a salary of more than \$17,500 per year from any air-mail contractor, or a salary from any other company if such salary from any company makes his total compensation more than \$17,500 per year."

SEC. 6. Whenever he shall find it to be in the public interest, because of the nature of the terrain and the impracticability of surface transportation, the Postmaster General may award contracts for the transportation of any or all classes of mail by airplane upon star routes not over two hundred airplane-miles in length by direct flight between termini, payment for such service to be made from the appropriation for inland transportation by star routes: *Provided*, That all laws and regulations not in conflict with this section governing star routes shall be applicable to contracts made under the

44 Stat. 570.  
49 U. S. C. §§ 171-184.

Pay and working conditions of pilots, etc.

48 Stat. 937; 49 Stat. 618.

39 U. S. C. § 469k; Supp. III, § 469k.

Report and recommendations to Congress.

Preliminary reports and recommendations.

48 Stat. 934; 49 Stat. 615; *ante*, p. 6; *post*, p. 1029.

39 U. S. C. § 469a (f); Supp. III, § 469a (f).  
Contracts; mileage limitation.

49 Stat. 615.  
39 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 469a (c).

Granting of extensions.

*Proviso.*  
Limitation on aggregate mileage and pay.

49 Stat. 617.  
39 U. S. C., Supp. III, § 469c (d).

Air mail contractors.  
Compensation of officers, etc., limited.

*Proviso.*  
Unlawful to exceed limitation.

Star route airplane service.  
*Post*, p. 1144.

*Provisos.*  
Laws and regulations applicable.

Base rate of pay.

Exception.

Designated transportation provisions not to apply.

48 Stat. 933; 49 Stat. 614.

39 U. S. C. § 469; Supp. III, ch. 13.

Number of contracts limited.

authority of this section: *Provided further*, That the base rate of pay which may be allowed in awarding such contracts shall not exceed 20 cents per airplane-mile for a load not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds of mail, and not exceeding 1 cent per airplane-mile for each twenty pounds of mail carried in excess of the two hundred and fifty-pound limit, except that in the discretion of the Postmaster General a higher base rate of pay may be allowed in awarding contract for carrying mail over circuitous routes of less than seventy-five miles in length: *And provided further*, That the provisions of the Act of June 12, 1934 (48 Stat. 933), as amended by the Act of August 14, 1935 (49 Stat. 614), shall not apply to the transportation of mail under this section: *And provided further*, That the Postmaster General shall not award more than five contracts for the transportation of mail under the authority of this section.

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[CHAPTER 167]

AN ACT

April 22, 1938  
[S. 3590]

[Public, No. 487]

To amend an Act entitled "An Act for making further and more effectual provision for the national defense, and for other purposes", approved June 3, 1916, as amended by the Act of June 4, 1920, so as to make available certain other officers for General Staff duty.

National Defense Act, amendments.

41 Stat. 762.  
10 U. S. C. §§ 27, 28, 532.

General Staff Corps, assignments in peace time.

Line officers, service requirements.

Officers below brigadier general, service with troops.

*Proviso.*  
Officers commissioned in a staff corps.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the fifth sentence of section 4 (c) of the Act entitled "An Act for making further and more effectual provision for the national defense, and for other purposes", approved June 3, 1916, as amended by the Act of June 4, 1920, be, and the same is hereby, further amended to read as follows: "In time of peace no officer of the line shall be or remain detailed as a member of the General Staff Corps unless he has served for two of the next preceding six years in actual command of, or on duty other than General Staff duty, with troops of one or more of the combatant arms or as instructor with the National Guard, Organized Reserves, or Reserve Officers' Training Corps; and in time of peace every officer serving in a grade below that of brigadier general shall perform duty with troops of one or more of the combatant arms for at least one year in every period of five consecutive years, except that officers of less than one year's commissioned service in the Regular Army may be detailed as students at service schools: *Provided*, That an officer commissioned in a staff corps shall not be or remain detailed as a member of the General Staff Corps unless he has served for one of the next preceding five years with troops of one or more of the combatant arms or as instructor with the National Guard, Organized Reserves, or Reserve Officers' Training Corps."

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[CHAPTER 168]

AN ACT

April 25, 1938

[H. R. 9257]

[Public, No. 488]

To extend the time for completing the construction of a bridge across the Saint Clair River at or near Port Huron, Michigan.

Saint Clair River.  
Time extended for bridging, at Port Huron, Mich.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the time for completing the construction of a bridge across the Saint Clair River at or near Port Huron, Michigan, authorized to be built by the State of Michigan, by and through its State Bridge Commission, or