

48 U. S. C. § 35b.

And that section 2 of said Act approved August 5, 1939, is amended to read as follows:

Signature, etc.

"Each certificate of oath, affirmation, or acknowledgment executed by a postmaster within the Territory of Alaska under the authority of this Act shall be signed by the postmaster, with a designation of his title as such postmaster, shall have affixed thereto the cancellation stamp of the post office, and shall state the name of the post office and the date on which such oath or affirmation is administered or such acknowledgment is taken. Postmasters shall keep a memorandum of all deeds and other instruments of writing acknowledged before them and relating to the title to or transfer of property, which memorandum shall be transmitted to their successors in the office of postmaster and which shall be subject to public inspection."

Record.

Approved December 11, 1945.

[CHAPTER 564]

AN ACT

To provide for a temporary increase in the age limit for appointees to the United States Military Academy and the United States Naval Academy.

December 11, 1945
[H. R. 1123]
[Public Law 255]

U. S. Military
Academy.
10 U. S. C. §§ 1094,
1100.

Appointees; age
limit, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1318 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by the Act of March 30, 1920 (41 Stat. 548), is amended to read as follows:

"Appointees shall be admitted to the United States Military Academy only between the ages of seventeen and twenty-two years, except in the following case: Any appointee who has served honorably not less than one year in the armed forces of the United States during any of the present wars, and who possesses the other qualifications required by law, may be admitted between the ages of seventeen and twenty-four years: *Provided,* That whenever any member of the graduating class shall fail to complete the course with his class by reason of sickness, or deficiency in his studies, or other cause, such failure shall not operate to delay the admission of his successor."

U. S. Naval Acad-
emy.

Candidates; age
limit, etc.

SEC. 2. Section 1517 of the Revised Statutes as amended (34 U. S. C. 1045), is amended to read as follows:

"Candidates allowed for Congressional districts, for Territories and for the District of Columbia, must be actual residents of the districts or Territories, respectively, from which they are nominated. All candidates for admission to the Naval Academy must be not less than seventeen years of age nor more than twenty-one years of age on April 1st of the calendar year in which they enter the Academy: *Provided,* That any candidate who has served honorably not less than one year in the armed forces of the United States during any of the present wars and who possesses the other qualifications required by law may be admitted between the ages of seventeen and twenty-three years."

Approved December 11, 1945.

[CHAPTER 573]

AN ACT

To amend section 321, title III, part II, Transportation Act of 1940, with respect to the movement of Government traffic.

December 12, 1945
[H. R. 694]
[Public Law 256]

Transportation Act
of 1940, amendment.
54 Stat. 954.
49 U. S. C. § 65 (a).
Government traffic.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (a) of section 321 of title III, part II, of the Transportation Act of 1940, be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the following: "except that the foregoing provision shall not apply to the transpor-

tation of military or naval property of the United States moving for military or naval and not for civil use or to the transportation of members of the military or naval forces of the United States (or property of such members) when such members are traveling on official duty;”, so that said subsection, as so amended, shall read as follows:

“SEC. 321. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, but subject to the provisions of sections 1 (7) and 22 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, the full applicable commercial rates, fares, or charges shall be paid for transportation by any common carrier subject to such Act of any persons or property for the United States, or on its behalf, and the rate determined by the Interstate Commerce Commission as reasonable therefor shall be paid for the transportation by railroad of the United States mail: *Provided, however*, That any carrier by railroad and the United States may enter into contracts for the transportation of the United States mail for less than such rate: *Provided further*, That section 3709, Revised Statutes (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 41, sec. 5), shall not hereafter be construed as requiring advertising for bids in connection with the procurement of transportation services when the services required can be procured from any common carrier lawfully operating in the territory where such services are to be performed.”

SEC. 2. The amendment made by section 1 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 1946: *Provided, however*, That any travel or transportation specifically contracted for prior to such effective date shall be paid for at the rate, fare, or charge in effect at the time of entering into such contract of carriage or shipment.

SEC. 3. The Interstate Commerce Commission, in the exercise of its power to prescribe just and reasonable rates, fares, and charges, shall give due consideration to the increased revenues which carriers will receive as a result of the enactment of this Act, so that such increased revenues will be reflected in appropriate readjustments in rates, fares, and charges to shippers.

Approved December 12, 1945.

[CHAPTER 575]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To limit the operation of sections 109 and 113 of the Criminal Code, and sections 361, 365, and 366 of the Revised Statutes, and certain other provisions of law.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That nothing in section 109 or 113 of the Criminal Code (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 18, secs. 198 and 203), or in section 361, 365, or 366 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 5, secs. 306, 314, and 315), or in any other provision of Federal law imposing restrictions, requirements, or penalties in relation to the employment of persons, the performance of services, or the payment or receipt of compensation in connection with any claim, proceeding, or matter involving the United States, shall apply with respect to counsel serving under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 27, Seventy-ninth Congress, first session, passed by the Senate on September 6, 1945, and passed by the House of Representatives on September 11, 1945.

Approved December 14, 1945.

Rates, etc.
41 Stat. 475; 24 Stat.
387.
49 U. S. C. § 1 (7);
Supp. IV, § 22.

U. S. mail.

Advertising for bids.

Effective date.

Prior contracts.

Readjustments.

December 14, 1945
[S. J. Res. 110]
[Public Law 267]

Limitation of opera-
tion of designated stat-
utes.
35 Stat. 1107, 1109.
18 U. S. C., Supp.
IV, § 198 note.

Post, p. 845.