

CHAP. 273.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the payment of the compensation of session employees of the Senate and House of Representatives for the month of June, 1920, on the 5th day of said month.

June 5, 1920.
[H. J. Res. 380.]
[Pub. Res. No. 52.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives are hereby authorized and directed to pay to the session employees of the Senate and House of Representatives borne on the session roll their respective salaries for the month of June, 1920, on the fifth day of said month.

Congressional session employees to be paid June 5, 1920, salaries for month of June.

Approved, June 5, 1920.

CHAP. 285.—An Act To create a Federal Power Commission; to provide for the improvement of navigation; the development of water power; the use of the public lands in relation thereto, and to repeal section 18 of the River and Harbor Appropriation Act, approved August 8, 1917, and for other purposes.

June 10, 1920.
[H. R. 3184.]
[Public, No. 280.]
Post, p. 1639.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a commission is hereby created and established, to be known as the Federal Power Commission (hereinafter referred to as the commission), which shall be composed of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Agriculture. Two members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the commission shall have an official seal, which shall be judicially noticed. The President shall designate the chairman of the commission.

Federal Water Power Act.
Federal Power Commission.
Creation and composition of.

SEC. 2. That the commission shall appoint an executive secretary, who shall receive a salary of \$5,000 a year, and prescribe his duties, and the commission may request the President of the United States to detail an officer from the United States Engineer Corps to serve the commission as engineer officer, his duties to be prescribed by the commission.

Executive secretary.
Detail of Army engineer officer.

The work of the commission shall be performed by and through the Departments of War, Interior, and Agriculture and their engineering, technical, clerical, and other personnel except as may be otherwise provided by law.

Execution of work by Departments of War, etc.

All the expenses of the commission, including rent in the District of Columbia, all necessary expenses for transportation and subsistence, including, in the discretion of the commission, a per diem of not exceeding \$4 in lieu of subsistence incurred by its employees under its orders in making any investigation, or conducting field work, or upon official business outside of the District of Columbia and away from their designated points of duty, shall be allowed and paid on the presentation of itemized vouchers therefor approved by a member or officer of the commission duly authorized for that purpose; and in order to defray the expenses made necessary by the provisions of this Act there is hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as Congress may hereafter determine, and the sum of \$100,000 is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, available until expended, to be paid out upon warrants drawn on the Secretary of the Treasury upon order of the commission.

Expenses authorized.

SEC. 3. That the words defined in this section shall have the following meanings for the purposes of this Act, to wit:

Appropriation.

Meaning of terms as used.

“Public lands” means such lands and interest in lands owned by the United States as are subject to private appropriation and disposal under public-land laws. It shall not include “reservations,” as hereinafter defined.

“Public lands.”

“Reservations” means national monuments, national parks, national forests, tribal lands embraced within Indian reservations, military reservations, and other lands and interests in lands owned by the

“Reservations.”