

roads for transporting the mails and all service by the railroads in connection therewith.

The existing law for the determination of mail pay, except as herein modified, shall continue in effect until the Interstate Commerce Commission under the provisions hereof fixes the fair, reasonable rate or compensation for such transportation and service.

That the appropriations for inland transportation by railroad routes and for railway post-office car service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, are hereby made available for the purposes of this section.

That it shall be unlawful for any railroad company to refuse to perform mail service at the rates or methods of compensation provided by law when required by the Postmaster General so to do, and for such offense shall be fined \$1,000. Each day of refusal shall constitute a separate offense.

SEC. 6. If the Postmaster General shall find on experience that the classification of articles mailable, as well as the weight limit, or the rates of postage, zone or zones, and other conditions of mailability, under section eight of the Act approved August twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and twelve, or any of them, are such as to prevent the shipment of articles desirable, or to permanently render the cost of the service greater than the receipts of the revenue therefrom, he is hereby authorized to re-form from time to time such classification, weight limit, rates, zone or zones, or conditions, or either, in order to promote the service to the public or to insure the receipt of revenue from such service adequate to pay the cost thereof: *Provided, however,* That before any change is hereafter made in weight limit, rates of postage, or zone or zones, by the Postmaster General, the proposed change shall be approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission after thorough and independent consideration by that body in such manner as it may determine.

Approved, July 28, 1916.

CHAP. 262.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the acceptance of the gift of the Berkshire Trout Hatchery, Berkshire County, Massachusetts.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States of America hereby accepts from Mrs. Mary E. Scully, as a memorial to her husband, title to the lands known and to be known as the Berkshire Trout Hatchery, located in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, together with the buildings, ponds, and other improvements located thereon and the water and other rights pertaining thereto, and the Secretary of Commerce is hereby authorized to receive from Mrs. Mary E. Scully a deed for the said property. The title to said property is accepted upon the terms and conditions prescribed by the donor, namely, that it shall be used by the United States Bureau of Fisheries, Department of Commerce, as a fish hatchery and for experimental work in fish culture.

Approved, July 28, 1916.

CHAP. 263.—An Act Further extending appropriations for the necessary operations of the Government and of the District of Columbia under certain contingencies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act extending appropriations for the necessary operations of the Government and of the District of Columbia and

Existing law continued until action of Commission.

Current appropriations available.

Penalty for refusal to perform service, etc.

Parcel post service. Authority to re-form classification, etc. Vol. 37, p. 557.

Proviso. Approval by Interstate Commerce Commission necessary.

July 28, 1916.
[H. J. Res. 218.]

[Pub. Res., No. 27.]

Berkshire Trout Hatchery, Mass.
Gift of Mrs. Mary E. Scully accepted.

July 31, 1916.
[H. R. 17172.]

[Public, No. 170.]

Extension of appropriations not provided for, through August. *Ante*, p. 242.