

The two foregoing appropriations shall be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of the Capitol Building and Grounds and payable one-half out of the Treasury of the United States and one-half out of the revenues of the District of Columbia.

Approved, December 22, 1916.

Half from District revenues.

**CHAP. 6.**—Joint Resolution Authorizing payment of the salaries of officers and employees of Congress for December, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

December 22, 1916.  
[H. J. Res. 324.]  
[Pub. Res., No. 40.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives are authorized and instructed to pay the officers and employees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, including the Capitol police, their respective salaries for the month of December, nineteen hundred and sixteen, on the day of adjournment of the present session for the holiday recess; and the Clerk of the House is authorized to pay on the same day to Members, Delegates, and Resident Commissioners their allowance for clerk hire for the said month of December.

Congressional officers, etc., to be paid December salaries, December 22, 1916.

Clerk hire to Members, Delegates, and Resident Commissioners.

Approved, December 22, 1916.

**CHAP. 7.**—An Act Extending the time for completion of the bridge across the Delaware River, authorized by an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the Pennsylvania and Newark Railroad Company, or their successors, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Delaware River," approved the twenty-fourth day of August, nineteen hundred and twelve.

December 27, 1916.  
[S. 7095.]

[Public, No. 299.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the time for the completion of the bridge now in course of construction across the Delaware River, which the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the Pennsylvania and Newark Railroad Company, or their successors, were authorized to construct, maintain, and operate by an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the Pennsylvania and Newark Railroad Company, or their successors, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Delaware River," approved the twenty-fourth day of August, nineteen hundred and twelve, be, and the same is hereby, extended for a period of three years from the twenty-fourth day of August, nineteen hundred and sixteen: *Provided,* That in all other respects said bridge shall be completed and shall be maintained and operated in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Delaware River. Time extended for bridging, by Pennsylvania Railroad Company, etc., at Trenton, N. J. Vol. 37, p. 492. Vol. 38, p. 807 amended.

Proviso. Construction, etc. Vol. 34, p. 81.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, December 27, 1916.

**CHAP. 8.**—Joint Resolution Authorizing the Postmaster General to provide the postmaster of Springfield, Illinois, with a special canceling die for the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State of Illinois into the Federal Union.

December 27, 1916.  
[H. J. Res. 282.]

[Pub. Res., No. 41.]

Whereas the city of Springfield, Illinois, is making extensive preparations to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State of Illinois into the Union, the celebration to begin on April eighteenth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and to continue until December third, nineteen hundred and eighteen; and

Illinois Centennial. Preamble.

Whereas the projected celebration in said city will include industrial and other exhibitions, pageants, athletic games, tournaments, parades, conventions, and many other interesting features that will attract visitors from all parts of the United States; and

Whereas the citizens' committee, cooperating with the Illinois Centennial Commission, created by the Illinois General Assembly, are widely advertising the approaching events, with the result that a great increase of incoming and outgoing mail matter is anticipated at the Springfield post office; and

Whereas the size and importance of the city of Springfield, Illinois, and the extensive preparations being made by its citizens, cooperating with State organizations created for the purpose of celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of Illinois into the Federal Union give to said celebration a national character and significance: Therefore be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Postmaster General of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized to prepare and deliver to the postmaster of Springfield, Illinois, a special canceling die to be used in the cancellation of mail matter in the post office of that city from December first, nineteen hundred and seventeen, to December third, nineteen hundred and eighteen, said die to be of such design as may be agreed upon by the Postmaster General and the Illinois Centennial Commission.

Approved, December 27, 1916.

Springfield, Ill.  
Postal canceling  
stamp to commemorate  
admission of State, au-  
thorized.

December 29, 1916.  
[H. R. 407.]

[Public, No. 290.]

**CHAP. 9.**—An Act To provide for stock-raising homesteads, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after the passage of this Act it shall be lawful for any person qualified to make entry under the homestead laws of the United States to make a stock-raising homestead entry for not exceeding six hundred and forty acres of unappropriated unreserved public land in reasonably compact form: *Provided, however,* That the land so entered shall theretofore have been designated by the Secretary of the Interior as "stock-raising lands."

**SEC. 2.** That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, on application or otherwise, to designate as stock-raising lands subject to entry under this Act lands the surface of which is, in his opinion, chiefly valuable for grazing and raising forage crops, do not contain merchantable timber, are not susceptible of irrigation from any known source of water supply, and are of such character that six hundred and forty acres are reasonably required for the support of a family: *Provided,* That where any person qualified to make original or additional entry under the provisions of this Act shall make application to enter any unappropriated public land which has not been designated as subject to entry (provided said application is accompanied and supported by properly corroborated affidavit of the applicant, in duplicate, showing prima facie that the land applied for is of the character contemplated by this Act), such application, together with the regular fees and commissions, shall be received by the register and receiver of the land district in which said land is located and suspended until it shall have been determined by the Secretary of the Interior whether said land is actually of that character. That during such suspension the land described in the application shall not be disposed of; and if the said land shall be designated under this Act, then such application shall

Public lands.  
Stock-raising home-  
stead entries on, al-  
lowed.

*Proviso.*  
Lands to be desig-  
nated.

Character of lands to  
be designated.

*Proviso.*  
Applications for un-  
designated lands.

Suspension until de-  
termination.