minister the customary oaths to witnesses, all process to be signed by
the Clerk of the House of Representatives under its seal, and be
served by the Sergeant at Arms of the House or his special mess-
ger; to sit during the sessions of the House until adjournment
sine die of Sixty-eighth Congress, and thereafter until said inquiry
is completed, and report to the Sixty-ninth Congress.

Sec. 2. That said special committee be, and the same is hereby,
authorized to employ such stenographic and clerical assistance as
they may deem necessary, and all expenses incurred by said special
committee, including the expenses of such committee when sitting in
or outside of the District of Columbia, shall be paid out of the con-
tingent fund of the House of Representatives on vouchers ordered by
said committee, signed by the chairman of said committee: Pro-
vided, however, That the total expenditures authorized by this reso-
lution shall not exceed the sum of $5,000.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

CHAP. 488.—Joint Resolution Authorizing and directing the Secretary of Agri-
culture to waive one-half of the grazing fees for the use of the national forests
during the calendar year 1925.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of
Agriculture is authorized, in his discretion under regulations to be
waived, etc., in
prescribed by him, to waive any part of or all requirements in respect
of grazing fees for the use of national forests in drought-stricken
regions during the calendar year 1925 or any part of such calendar
year.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

CHAP. 489.—Joint Resolution Empowering the Speaker of the House of Repre-
sentatives to appoint a Member-elect of the Sixty-ninth Congress as a mem-
ber of the Commission in Control of the House Office Building.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the Speaker of the
House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Congress is hereby em-
powered to appoint a Member-elect of the House of Representatives
to the Sixty-ninth Congress as a member of the Commission in Con-
trol of the House Office Building until the election of a Speaker of
the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Congress.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

CHAP. 521.—An Act To provide for the establishment of a probation
system in the United States courts, except in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That the courts of
the United States having original jurisdiction of criminal actions,
except in the District of Columbia, when it shall appear to the
satisfaction of the court that the ends of justice and the best interests
of the public, as well as the defendant, will be subserved thereby,
shall have power, after conviction or after a plea of guilty or nolo
contendere for any crime or offense not punishable by death or life
imprisonment, to suspend the imposition or execution of sentence
and to place the defendant upon probation for such period and upon
such terms and conditions as they may deem best; or the court may