payment for transportation or facilities furnished under special tariffs providing for fares of not more than 2.025 cents per mile applicable to round-trip tickets sold to personnel of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard traveling in uniform of the United States at their own expense when on official leave, furlough, or pass, including authorized cadets and midshipmen, issued on presentation of properly executed certificate."

Approved December 15, 1950.

[CHAPTER 1138]

AN ACT

To give a short title to the Act of July 1, 1898, commonly known as the Bankruptcy Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States", approved July 1, 1898, is amended by inserting immediately after the enacting clause a new sentence as follows: "That this Act may be cited as the 'Bankruptcy Act'."

Approved December 20, 1950.

[CHAPTER 1139]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To continue for a temporary period certain provisions of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 204 (f) of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, is hereby amended by striking out "December 31, 1950" in each place it occurs therein and inserting in lieu thereof "March 31, 1951".

Sec. 2. Section 204 (j) (3) of the Housing and Rent Act of 1947, as amended, is hereby amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof a colon and the following: "Provided further, That as used in this Act the term ‘resolution’ shall not be construed to be limited to ordinances or other legislative acts, and any resolution heretofore adopted by any local governing body is hereby declared to be effective for the purpose of this section 204 (j) (3) or section 204 (f) (1), whether or not such resolution was legislative in character; and no suit or action shall be brought under section 205 of this Act, or any other provision of law, on the basis of any administrative decision or the decision of any court that the resolution described in this Act must be a legislative Act".

Approved December 20, 1950.

[CHAPTER 1140]

AN ACT

To amend the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, to clarify the status of freight forwarders and their relationship with motor common carriers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (a) (5) of section 402 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, is amended by adding, following the words "general public" appearing therein, the words "as a common carrier".

Approved December 20, 1950.
Sec. 2. Section 409 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"UTILIZATION BY FREIGHT FORWARDERS OF SERVICES OF COMMON CARRIERS BY MOTOR VEHICLE

"SEC. 409. (a) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent freight forwarders subject to this part from entering into or continuing to operate under contracts with common carriers by motor vehicle subject to part II of this Act, governing the utilization by such freight forwarders of the services and instrumentalities of such common carriers by motor vehicle and the compensation to be paid therefor: Provided, That in the case of such contracts it shall be the duty of the parties thereto to establish just, reasonable, and equitable terms, conditions, and compensation which shall not unduly prefer or prejudice any of such participants or any other freight forwarder and shall be consistent with the national transportation policy declared in this Act: And provided further, That in the case of line-haul transportation between concentration points and break-bulk points in truck-load lots where such line-haul transportation is for a total distance of four hundred and fifty highway-miles or more, such contracts shall not permit payment to common carriers by motor vehicle of compensation which is lower than would be received under rates or charges established under part II of this Act.

"(b) Contracts entered into or continued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be filed with the Commission in accordance with such reasonable rules and regulations as the Commission shall prescribe. Whenever, after hearing, upon complaint or upon its own initiative, the Commission is of opinion that any such contract, or its terms, conditions, or compensation is or will be inconsistent with the provisions and standards set forth in subsection (a) of this section, the Commission shall by order prescribe the terms, conditions, and compensation of such contract which are consistent therewith."

Sec. 3. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as amending or affecting section 413 of the Interstate Commerce Act.

Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect on the date of its enactment, except that—

(1) no contract entered into pursuant to section 409 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended by section 2 of this Act, shall become effective prior to the expiration of nine months after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) until the expiration of nine months after the date of the enactment of this Act freight forwarders and common carriers by motor vehicle may operate under joint rates or charges in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of section 409 of the Interstate Commerce Act as that subsection was in force immediately prior to the date of the enactment of this Act.

Approved December 20, 1950.