

SEC. 316. The General Accounting Office and the Bureau of Accounts shall not be construed to be a bureau or office created since January 1, 1916, so as to deprive employees therein of the additional compensation allowed civilian employees under the provisions of section 6 of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Appropriation Act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, if otherwise entitled thereto.

Employees allowed additional pay of \$240 a year.  
Vol. 41, p. 1308.

SEC. 317. The provisions of law prohibiting the transfer of employees of executive departments and independent establishments until after service of three years shall not apply during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, to the transfer of employees to the General Accounting Office.

Transfer of department, etc., employees permitted until June 30, 1922.  
Vol. 34, p. 449.

SEC. 318. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the President: *Provided*, That sections 301 to 317, inclusive, relating to the General Accounting Office and the Bureau of Accounts, shall take effect July 1, 1921.

Immediate effect of Act.  
*Provisos.*  
Accounting Office, etc., on July 1, 1921.

Approved, June 10, 1921.

**CHAP. 19.**—An Act For the public sale of post-office site on the west side of South Main Street, in the city of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

June 10, 1921.  
[H. R. 89.]  
[Public, No. 14.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to sell at public sale the post-office site and buildings thereon erected, situate on the west side of South Main Street, in the city of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, after proper advertisement, and at such time and upon such terms as he may deem for the best interests of the United States, for a sum not less than \$20,000, and to execute and deliver to the purchaser the usual quit-claim deed therefor, and to deposit the proceeds derived from such sale in the Treasury of the United States as a miscellaneous receipt.

Bethlehem, Pa.  
Public building at, to be sold.

Deposit of proceeds.

Approved, June 10, 1921.

**CHAP. 20.**—An Act To amend section 407 of the Transportation Act of 1920.

June 10, 1921.  
[H. R. 6567.]  
[Public, No. 15.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 407 of the Transportation Act of 1920 be, and it is hereby, amended by adding thereto a new paragraph designated as paragraph (9), as follows:

Transportation Act, 1920.  
Vol. 41, p. 482, amended.

“(9) Upon application of one or more telephone companies for authority to consolidate their properties or a part thereof into a single company, or for authority for one or more such companies to acquire the whole or any part of the property of another telephone company or other telephone companies or the control thereof by the purchase of securities or by lease or in any other like manner, when such consolidated company would be subject to this Act, the commission shall fix a time and place for a public hearing upon such application and shall thereupon give reasonable notice in writing to the governor of each of the States in which the physical property affected, or any part thereof, is situated, and to the State public service commission or other regulatory body, if any, having jurisdiction over telephone companies, and to such other persons as it may deem advisable. After such public hearing, if the commission finds that the proposed consolidation, acquisition, or control will be of advantage to the persons to whom service is to be rendered and in the public interest, it shall certify to that effect; and thereupon any Act or Acts of Congress making the proposed transaction un-

Telephone companies permitted to consolidate, etc.

Public hearing of applications.

Certificate authorizing.