a hearing, stating the nature of the action or decision complained of and the grounds of complaint. Upon the filing of any such application the register of such land office shall proceed to review such action or decision as nearly as may be in accordance with the rules of practice then applicable to applications to contest entries under the public land law. Subject to such rules of practice, appeals may be taken by any party in interest from the decision of the register to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and from the decision of the Commissioner of the General Land Office to the Secretary.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Sec. 15 (a)** The Secretary shall promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to the administration of this title, shall execute its provisions, and may (1) in accordance with the civil service laws appoint such employees and in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923 fix their compensation, and (2) make such expenditures (including expenditures for personal service and rent at the seat of government and elsewhere, for law books, books of reference, periodicals, and for printing and binding) as may be necessary efficiently to execute the provisions of this title.

(b) The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to continue investigations, experiments, and demonstrations for the welfare, improvement, and increase of the reindeer industry in Alaska, and upon the request of the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate in matters pertaining to the care of plant and animal life, including reindeer.

**LAWS APPLICABLE**

**Sec. 16.** Laws now applicable to lands or resources in the Territory of Alaska shall continue in force and effect to the same extent and in the same manner after the enactment of this Act as before, and nothing in this Act shall preclude or prevent ingress or egress upon the lands in districts for any purpose authorized by any such law, including prospecting for and extraction of minerals.

Approved, March 4, 1927.

**CHAP. 514.—Joint Resolution To amend subdivisions (b) and (e) of section 11 of the Immigration Act of 1924, as amended.**

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subdivisions (b) and (e) of section 11 of the Immigration Act of 1924, as amended, are amended by striking out the figures "1927" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "1928."

Approved, March 4, 1927.

**CHAP. 515.—Joint Resolution Authorizing a joint committee of both Houses to consider the purchase of the right to an unrestricted use of the Harriman Geographic Code System under patents issued, or that may be issued, and also the unrestricted use of all copyrights issued, or that may be issued, in connection with the products of the Harriman Geographic Code System for all governmental, administrative, or publication purposes for which the same may be desirable.**

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the Senate appoint three Members of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House three Members of the House, all of whom shall have been
Joint Committee, members of 70th Congress, to be appointed on.

Duty.

To consider purchase of unrestricted use of Code System.

To recommend legislation for purchase, if use would promote efficiency of operation, etc.

Federal officers to furnish information to the committee.

Expenses and assistance authorized.

Provido. Maximum expenditure.

March 4, 1927.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Federal Power Commission is hereby directed not to issue or approve any permits or licenses under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 10, 1920, known as the Federal Water Power Act, upon or affecting the Colorado River or any of its tributaries, in the States of Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, Nevada, Arizona, and California, until and unless the Colorado River compact, signed at Santa Fe, New Mexico, November 24, 1922, pursuant to Act of Congress approved August 19, 1921, has been approved by the Congress of the United States, or in the event that said compact is not sooner approved, until March 5, 1929.

Approved, March 4, 1927.