Joint Resolution

For the establishment of a commission for the construction of a Washington-Lincoln Memorial Gettysburg Boulevard connecting the present Lincoln Memorial in the city of Washington with the battlefield of Gettysburg in the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established a commission to be known as the United States Commission for the construction of a Washington-Lincoln Memorial Gettysburg Boulevard connecting the present Lincoln Memorial in the city of Washington with the battlefield of Gettysburg in the State of Pennsylvania (hereinafter referred to as the Commission), and to be composed of thirteen commissioners, as follows: The President of the United States; Presiding Officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, ex officio; two persons to be appointed by the President of the United States; one Senator from the State of Maryland and one Senator from the State of Pennsylvania, to be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate; the Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Agriculture; the Director, National Park Service, Department of Interior; Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia; and one Representative from the State of Maryland and one from the State of Pennsylvania, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The commissioners shall serve without compensation and shall select a chairman from among their number.

Sec. 2. That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $10,000, to be expended by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

Sec. 3. That it shall be the duty of the Commission to prepare a plan or plans in cooperation with the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Agriculture; the Highway Departments of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and District of Columbia to further commemorate the public services of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln by the construction of a boulevard or highway connecting the present Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument in the city of Washington with the Gettysburg battlefield in the State of Pennsylvania; and to give due and proper consideration to any plan or plans which may be submitted to it.

Sec. 4. That the Commission, after selecting a chairman and a vice chairman from among its members, may employ a secretary and such other assistants as may be needed for clerical work connected with the duties of the Commission and may also engage the services of expert advisers, and may fix their respective compensations within the amount appropriated for such purposes.

Sec. 5. That the commissioners shall be paid their actual and necessary traveling, hotel, and other expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties out of the amount appropriated.

Sec. 6. That the Commission shall on or before one year after the date of enactment of this resolution, make a report to the Congress, in order that enabling legislation may be enacted, provided such enabling legislation stipulates that the said highway or boulevard shall be constructed by the Highway Departments of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and District of Columbia, under the supervision of the Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, Department of Agriculture, from funds provided by the said State of Pennsylvania,
the said State of Maryland and the District of Columbia, including
any future allocation of Federal-aid highway funds or grants to
the said States of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and to the District of
Columbia. The passage of this Act does not commit the United
States to build the said highway or boulevard at Federal expense,
and if authorized the Federal funds for the construction of the
said highway or boulevard will be the allocations that may accrue
to the said States and the District of Columbia in future appro-
niations of Federal-aid highway and grant funds. Any appropria-
tions under the authority of this Act shall be deducted from the
next regular apportionment or allocation of Federal-aid highway
funds or Federal-grant highway funds, under existing or future
authorizations as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture to
Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

SEC. 7. That the term of Commission hereby created shall expire
within one year after the completion of the proposed boulevard
or highway.

SEC. 8. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.
Approved, May 20, 1935.

[CHAPTER 135.]

AN ACT

Granting a leave of absence to settlers of homestead lands during the year 1935.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That any home-
stead settler or entryman who, during the calendar year 1935, should
find it necessary, because of economic conditions, to leave his home-
stead to seek employment in order to obtain the necessaries of life
for himself and family or to provide for the education of his chil-
dren may, upon filing with the register of the district, his affidavit,
supported by corroborating affidavits of two disinterested persons
showing the necessity of such absence, be excused from compliance
with the requirements of the homestead laws as to residence, cultiva-
tion, improvements, expenditures, or payment of purchase money, as
the case may be, during all or any part of the calendar year 1935
and said entries shall not be open to contest or protest because of
failure to comply with such requirements during such absence;
except that the time of such absence shall not be deducted from the
actual residence required by law, but a period equal to such absence
shall be added to the statutory life of the entry; Provided, That
any entryman holding an unperfected entry on ceded Indian lands
may be excused from the requirements of residence upon the condi-
tions provided herein, but shall not be entitled to extension of time
for the payment of any installment of the purchase price of the
land except upon proof satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior
that the entryman is acting in good faith and is financially unable
to make the payments due, and upon payment of interest, in advance,
at the rate of 4 per centum per annum on the principal of any
unpaid purchase price from the date when such payment or pay-
ments became due to and inclusive of the date of the expiration of
the period of relief granted hereunder.

Approved, May 22, 1935.