Sec. 2. The Railroad Retirement Board as established by and pursuant to section 9 of the Railroad Retirement Act and section 1 hereof is hereby continued for a period of sixty days from the enactment hereof for the purpose of liquidating its affairs; returning documents in its possession to those from whom they were procured and whose property they are, after recording therefrom such information as in its judgment should be preserved or making photostatic copies thereof, where necessary; arranging for turning over the records, papers, and property of the Board to such agency as the President shall designate; and making a report upon its activities and experience to the President for transmission to Congress.

Sec. 3. The Board shall maintain such offices, use such equipment, furnishings, supplies, services, and facilities and employ such persons as in its judgment may be necessary for the proper discharge of its duties.

Sec. 4. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $35,000 to pay to the Board and its employees for services heretofore rendered on, prior to, and subsequent to May 6, 1935, and for services to be rendered during the next sixty days after the enactment hereof, the compensation to which they would have been entitled for such services if the Railroad Retirement Act had been held constitutional, and to pay any expenses heretofore incurred and not yet paid and the expenses necessary in carrying out this joint resolution.

Sec. 5. The Board is hereby authorized and directed to refund to its past and present employees and to its members, all compensation earned by them but withheld as employee contributions to the railroad retirement fund, and deposited to the credit of said fund in the Treasury, and said fund is hereby appropriated and made available for such refundments accordingly.

Approved, January 21, 1936.

[CHAPTER 25.]

AN ACT

To amend paragraph (f) of section 4 of the Communications Act of 1934.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph (f) of section 4 of the Communications Act, 1934, is hereby amended by adding after the words “a chief engineer and not more than three assistants”, the words “a chief accountant and not more than three assistants”, and by adding after the words “and the chief engineer”, the words “and the chief accountant”, and by adding after the word “engineers” the word “accountants”; so that paragraph (f) of section 4, as amended, will read as follows:

“(f) Without regard to the civil-service laws or the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, (1) the Commission may appoint and prescribe the duties and fix the salaries of a secretary, a director for each division, a chief engineer and not more than three assistants, a chief accountant and not more than three assistants, a general counsel and not more than three assistants, and temporary counsel designated by the Commission for the performance of special services; and (2) each commissioner may appoint and prescribe the duties of a secretary at an annual salary not to exceed $4,000. The general counsel and the chief engineer and the chief accountant shall each receive an annual salary of not to exceed $9,000; the secretary shall receive an annual salary of not to exceed $7,500; the director of each division shall receive an annual salary of not to exceed $7,500; and
no assistant shall receive an annual salary in excess of $7,500. The
Commission shall have authority, subject to the provisions of the
civil-service laws and the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, to
appoint such other officers, engineers, accountants, inspectors, attorneys,
examiners, and other employees as are necessary in the execution
of its functions."

Approved, January 22, 1936.

[CHAPTER 29.]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act forbidding the transportation of any person
in interstate or foreign commerce, kidnaped, or otherwise unlawfully detained,
and making such act a felony", as amended.

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 forbidding the transportation of any person in
interstate or foreign commerce, kidnaped, or otherwise unlawfully
detained, and making such act a felony", as amended (48 Stat. 781;
U. S. C., title 18, secs. 408a, 408b, and 408c, be, and it is hereby,
amended by the addition of the following section:

"Sec. 4. Whoever receives, possesses, or disposes of any money or
other property, or any portion thereof, which has at any time been
delivered as ransom or reward in connection with a violation of sec-
tion 1 of this Act, knowing the same to be money or property which
has been at any time delivered as such ransom or reward, shall be
punished by a fine of not more than $10,000 or imprisonment in the
penitentiary for not more than ten years, or both."

Approved, January 24, 1936.

[CHAPTER 32.]

AN ACT

To provide for the immediate payment of World War adjusted service certifi-
cates, for the cancelation of unpaid interest accrued on loans secured by such
certificates, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding
the provisions of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act, as
amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 38, ch. 11), the adjusted-
service certificates issued under the authority of such Act are hereby
declared to be immediately payable. Payments on account of such
certificates shall be made in the manner hereinafter provided upon
application therefor to the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, under
such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, and upon surrender
of the certificates and all rights thereunder (with or without the con-
sent of the beneficiaries thereof). The payment in each case shall
be in an amount equal to the face value of the certificate, except that
if, at the time of application for payment under this Act, the prin-
cipal and unpaid interest accrued prior to October 1, 1931, with
respect to any loan upon any such certificate has not been paid in
full by the veteran (whether or not the loan has matured), then the
Administrator shall (1) pay or discharge such unpaid principal and
interest as is necessary to make the certificate available for payment
under this Act, (2) deduct such unpaid principal and so much of such
unpaid interest as accrued prior to October 1, 1931, from the amount
of the face value of the certificate, and (3) certify to the Secretary of
the Treasury as payable an amount equal to the difference between
the face value of the certificate and the amount so deducted.