

**Text of the Bill as It Finally
Passed Both Houses of
Congress.-**

An act to regulate commerce: Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of

plainly state the changes proposed to be made in the schedule then in force, and the time when the increased rates, fares, or charges will become effective. If the proposed changes are to be shown by printing new schedules, or shall be plainly indicated upon the schedules in force at the time and kept for public inspection. If the proposed changes are to be made by notice, notice may be made without previous publication; but whenever any such reduction is made notice of the same shall immediately be posted, and such notice shall be made immediately made public by printing new schedules, or shall immediately be plainly indicated upon the schedules at the time in force and kept for public inspection. And when any such reduction is made, the carrier shall publish and published its rates, fares, and charges, in compliance with the provisions of this section, it shall be unlawful for such common carrier to charge, demand, collect, or receive any greater charge, demand, or collection, or to impose any penalty for the transportation of passengers or property, or for any services in connection therewith, than is specified in such published schedule, when the same shall be in force at the time be in force. Every common carrier subject the provisions of this act shall not be

shall enter upon the duties of or hold such office. Said Commissioners shall not engage in any other business, vocation, or employment. No vacancy in the Commission shall impair the right of the remaining Commissioners to exercise the powers of the Commission.

Sec. 12. That the Commission be created, and shall have authority to inquire into the management of the business of all common carriers subject to the provisions of this act, and shall keep itself informed as to the manner and conduct in which the same is conducted, and shall have authority to require of all such common carriers full and complete information necessary to enable the Commission to perform the duties and carry out the objects for which it was created; and for the purposes of this act the Commission shall have power to require the production of the testimony of witnesses and the production of all books, papers, contracts, agreements, and documents relating to any matter under investigation, and to that end may invoke the aid of any court of the United States in requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books, papers, and documents under the provisions of this act. And any of the Circuit Courts of the United States within the jurisdiction of which such inquiry is carried on may, in case of contumacy or refusal to obey a subpoena issued to any common carrier subject to the provisions of this act, or to any officer or agent requiring such common carrier or other person to appear before said Commission and produce books and papers, if so ordered, and give evidence touching the matter in question; and any fail-

the payment of such fees the Counsel fees as herein provided shall be payable. If such petition shall be filed or presented by the Commission it shall be the duty of the District Attorney, under the direction of the Attorney General of the United States, to prosecute the same; and the costs and expenses of such proceedings shall be paid by the appropriation of the expenses of the court of the United States. For the purposes of this act, respecting its penal provisions, the Circuit Courts of the United States shall be deemed to be always in session.

Sec. 17. That the Commission may conduct its proceedings in such manner as will best conduce to the ends of justice. A majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but no Commissioner shall participate in any hearing or proceeding in which he has any pecuniary interest. Said Commission may, from time to time, make and alter such rules and orders as may be required for the order and regulation of proceedings before it, including forms of notices and the service thereof, which shall conform, as nearly as may be, to those in use in the Courts of the United States. Any party may appear before the Commission and be heard by counsel, by an attorney. Every vote and official act of the Commission shall be entered of record, and its proceedings shall be public upon the request of either party interested. Said Commission shall have an official seal, which shall be judicially noticed. Either of the members of the Commission may be removed by a vote of a majority.

Sec. 18. That each Commissioner shall receive an annual salary of 7,500, payable in the same manner as the salaries of the Judges of the

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