

[CHAPTER 148]

JOINT RESOLUTION

April 13, 1938
[H. J. Res. 594]
[Pub. Res., No. 87]

Directing the Federal Trade Commission to investigate the policies employed by manufacturers in distributing motor vehicles, accessories, and parts, and the policies of dealers in selling motor vehicles at retail, as these policies affect the public interest.

Federal Trade Commission.
Investigation of motor vehicle, etc., distribution practices.
38 Stat. 717.
15 U. S. C. § 41.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Federal Trade Commission be, and is hereby, directed and authorized under the Act entitled "An Act to create a Federal Trade Commission, to define its powers and duties, and for other purposes", approved September 26, 1914, to investigate the policies employed by manufacturers in distributing motor vehicles, accessories, and parts, and the policies of dealers in selling motor vehicles at retail, as these policies affect the public interest.

Purpose and scope.
Extent of concentration of control and monopoly.

The purpose of this investigation shall be to determine—

Antitrust law violations.

1. The extent of concentration of control and of monopoly in the manufacturing, warehousing, distribution, and sale of automobiles, accessories, and parts, including methods and devices used by manufacturers for obtaining and maintaining their control or monopoly of such manufacturing, warehousing, distribution, and sale of such commodities, and the extent, if any, to which fraudulent, dishonest, unfair, and injurious methods are employed, including combinations, monopolies, price fixing, or unfair trade practices;

Powers vested in Commission.

2. The extent to which any of the antitrust laws of the United States are being violated; and

Report and recommendations.

3. For the purposes of the investigation hereby directed and authorized, the Federal Trade Commission is given all the powers conferred upon it by the Federal Trade Commission Act.

Appropriation authorized.

SEC. 2. The Federal Trade Commission shall report its findings to the Congress of the United States within one year from date of enactment of this resolution, recommending whatever remedial legislation it deems necessary and proper.

SEC. 3. The sum of \$50,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Federal Trade Commission for the purpose of making this investigation.

Approved, April 13, 1938.

[CHAPTER 157]

AN ACT

April 15, 1938
[H. R. 7448]
[Public, No. 486]

To provide for experimental air-mail services to further develop safety, efficiency, and economy, and for other purposes.

Postal service.
Experimental air mail services authorized.
Post, pp. 997, 1144.
Autogiro aircraft shuttle service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster General is authorized, under such appropriate rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to provide for and supervise experimental services in connection with the transportation of mail by air, including the transportation of mail by autogiro aircraft shuttle service between outlying airports and central city areas, and including the utilization of patented articles and equipment upon payment of just compensation therefor, with the object of further developing safety, efficiency, and economy in air-mail transportation, collection, and delivery. The Postmaster General shall procure any such proposed service by contract with the lowest acceptable and responsible bidder. Such contracts and operations thereunder shall be subject to such requirements relating to safety, technical functions, qualifications of aircraft and

Contracts and operations, provisions governing.