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Congress of the United States

At the Second Session

BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

in the District of Columbia

on Monday the second day of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty one

AN ACT To aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes.

Eng'd by J. S. Thompson, Jr.

Be It Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

That Walter S. Burgess, William P. Blodget, Benjamin W. Cheever, Charles Fosdick Hatcher, of Rhode Island; Augustus Brewster, Henry P. Hoare, Cornelius A. Bushnell, Henry Hammond, of Connecticut; Isaac Sherman, Dean Richmond, Royal Phelps, William H. Ferry, Henry A. Paddock, Lewis J. Stancliff, Charles A. Hoar, Samuel R. Campbell, Alfred C. Wilton, John Anderson, Azariah Bosty, John S. Kennedy, W. Carver, Joseph Field, Benjamin A. Camp, Orville W. Childs, Alexander J. Bergen, Ben. Holliday, I. N. Barney, S. De Witt Blodgett, William H. Inant, Thomas W. Clcott, Samuel B. Ruggles, James B. Wilson, of New York; Ephraim Marsh, Charles M. Hoar, of New Jersey; John Edgar Thompson, Benjamin Hayward, Joseph W. Severance, Joseph Harrison, George W. Cass, John W. Bryant, Daniel J. Morell, Thomas M. Howe, William S. Johnson, Robert Finney, John A. Green, E. R. Hoyle, Charles F. Weld, junior, of Pennsylvania; Noah L. Wilson, Amasa Stone, William H. Clement, S. L. Connecticut, John Brough, William Conison, Jacob Blickinsderfer, of Ohio; William M. M. Sherson, R. W. Wells, Williard P. Hall, Armstrong Beatty, John Corby, of Missouri; A. J. Hensley, Peter Donahue, G. P. Huntington, J. G. Judah, James Bailey, James T. Ryan, Charles Mosner, Charles Marsh, L. C. Mills, Samuel Bell, Louis McLane, George W. Howe, Charles McLaughlin, Timothy D. Lane, John R. Robinson, of California; John Atchison, and John D. Winters, of the Territory of Nevada; John L. Campbell, R. N. Rice, Charles A. Sanborn, and Ransom Gardner, Charles W. Penny, Charles T. Corham, William Mc Connell, of Michigan; William H. Crook, Lucius H. Langworthy, Hugh S. Reid, Hoyt Sherman, Lyman Cook, Samuel R. Curtis, Lewis A. Thomas Platt Smith, of Iowa; William B. Ogden, Charles S. Hammond, Henry Farnum, Amos C. Babcock, W. Sheldon Hale, Nehemiah Bushnell and Lorenzo Bull, of Illinois; William H. Swift, Samuel J. Dana, John Bertram, Franklin S. Merwin,

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Sec. 19. And be it further enacted, That the several railroad companies herein named are authorized to enter into an arrangement with the Pacific Telegraph Company, the Overland Telegraph Company, and the California State Telegraph Company, so that the present line of telegraph between the Missouri river and San Francisco may be moved upon or along the line of said railroad and branches as fast as said roads and branches are built; and if said arrangement be entered into, and the transfer of said telegraph line be made in accordance therewith to the line of said railroad and branches, such transfer shall, for all purposes of this act, be held and considered a fulfillment on the part of said railroad companies of the provisions of this act in regard to the construction of said line of telegraph. And, in case of disagreement, said telegraph companies are authorized to remove their line of telegraph along and upon the line of railroad herein contemplated without prejudice to the rights of said railroad companies named herein.

Sec. 20. And be it further enacted, That the corporation hereby created and the roads connected therewith, under the provisions of this act, shall make to the Secretary of the Treasury an annual report, wherein shall be set forth—

- First. The names of the stockholders and their places of residence, so far as the same can be ascertained;
- Second. The names and residences of the directors, and all other officers of the company;
- Third. The amount of stock subscribed, and the amount thereof actually paid in;
- Fourth. A description of the lines of road surveyed, of the lines thereof fixed upon for the construction of the road, and the cost of such surveys;
- Fifth. The amount received from passengers on the road;
- Sixth. The amount received for freight thereon;
- Seventh. A statement of the expense of said road and its fixtures;
- Eighth. A statement of the indebtedness of said company, setting forth the various kinds thereof. Which report shall be sworn to by the president of the said company, and shall be presented to the Secretary of the Treasury on or before the first day of July in each year.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Solomon Foot,
President of the Senate pro tempore

Approved, July 1, 1862

Abraham Lincoln