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 twenty one

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Sec. 19. And be it further enacted, That the several railroad companies here in 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, when or along the line of said railroad and branches as fast as said roads and branches are built; and of said arrangement be entered into, and the transfer of said telegraph line be made in accordance herewith 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, such 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 respective boards erected and the work connected herewith, under the provisions of the act, shall make to the Secretary of the Treasury an annual report showing that to be at last—First. The names of the shareholders 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 line of road surveyed, of the line having been laid off 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 thereto;
Seventh. A statement of the expenses of said road and its branches;
Eighth. A statement of the indebtedness of said company, setting forth the various kinds thereof. Which report shall be presented 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

John A. Hopkins,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Solomon T. Foot,
President of the Senate pro tempore.

Approved, July 1, 1868.

Abraham Lincoln.