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A TABLE SHOWING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT TO REGULATE COMMERCE.

Forty-one years have elapsed since the passage by Congress of the Act to Regulate Commerce and various changes have been wrought in the act during that period. The mass of discussion and notes that has appeared both leading up to and discussing the effects of the various amendments needs some sort of a handy graphic key. To bring these changes into such juxtaposition as to show in small compass the relation of many facts connected therewith, may be of some value to those interested in the field of transportation and regulation thereof. The tabular arrangement submitted herewith has been found of value as a consolidation of some information which is otherwise likely to exist in unconnected fragments, as a ready index to certain sources, and as a picture of the development of the Act down to March 4, 1927. It has the disadvantage which is likely to come from great condensation, but this is inevitable. The condensed statement of the content of the various sections must, on account of space, be merely suggestive. The titles given the various amendments must serve the same purpose and cannot be comprehensive. Nevertheless, in studying the Act, and in correlating the citations in cases involving the Act, the table has been found convenient. The collocation of date, sources, and sections amended with the preceding and subsequent amendments has been helpful. In addition, certain features are emphasized in the picture in a manner not otherwise possible. The widening of the scope of the act stands out in Section 1; attention to the tariff schedules, in Section 6; remedial features, in Section 16; and the constructive measures, in Section 20. The sections which remain unchanged, the sections and subsections not in the original act, and the time of their appearance, appear in their proper perspective. One interested may make it a point of departure or a port of return.