(2) no person who, at the time this section takes effect, is an officer or director of an air carrier shall be required to secure the approval of the Civil Aeronautics Board in order to hold the position of officer, director, member or stockholder holding a controlling interest of the Corporation or of any common carrier controlled by the Corporation which is engaged in mass transportation of passengers for hire in the Washington Metropolitan Area.

As used in this subsection, the term "air carrier" has the same meaning as when used in section 409 (a) of the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938.

(e) Notwithstanding section 20a (12) of the Interstate Commerce Act, authorization or approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission shall not be required in order to permit a person who is an officer or director of the Corporation to be also an officer or director, or both, of any common carrier controlled by the Corporation which is engaged in mass transportation of passengers for hire in the Washing-

ton Metropolitan Area.

SEC. 14. The Corporation, at the time it acquires the assets of Capital Transit Company, shall become subject to, and responsible for, all liabilities of Capital Transit Company of whatever kind or nature, known or unknown, in existence at the time of such acquisition, and shall submit to suit therefor as though it had been originally liable, and the creditors of Capital Transit Company shall have as to the Corporation all rights and remedies which they would otherwise have had as to Capital Transit Company: Provided, however, That the Corporation shall not be liable to any dissenting stockholder of Capital Transit Company for the fair value of the stock of any such stockholder who shall qualify to be entitled to receive payment of such fair value. No action or proceeding in law or in equity, or before any Federal or District of Columbia agency or commission, shall abate in consequence of the provisions of this section, but such action or proceeding may be continued in the name of the party by or against which it was begun, except that in the discretion of the court, agency, or commission the Corporation may be substituted for the Capital Transit Company. In any and all such actions or proceedings, the Corporation shall have, and be entitled to assert, any and all defenses of every kind and nature which are or would be available to Capital Transit Company or which Capital Transit Company would be entitled to assert.

PART 2.—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. 21. (a) Section 14 of the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution to authorize the merger of street-railway corporations operating in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved January 14, 1933 (47 Stat. 752), as amended (Public Law 389, Eightyfourth Congress), is hereby repealed to the extent that such section repeals the charter of Capital Transit Company, without thereby affecting the termination of its franchise.

(b) Upon the taking effect of part 1 of this title, Capital Transit Company shall not be authorized to engage in business as owner or operator of electric railway, passenger motor bus, public transportation of passengers, or common carrier of passengers within, to, or from,

the Washington Metropolitan Area.

(c) Capital Transit Company shall continue to exist as a corporation incorporated under the provisions of subchapter 4 of chapter 18 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a code of laws for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, as amended (D. C. Code, title 29, ch. 2), under its certificate of incorporation, as amended, and Capital Transit Company may amend its charter in any manner provided under the laws of the District of Columbia and may avail itself of the provi-

"Air carrier".
49 USC 489.

41 Stat. 496. 49 USC 20a.

Capital Transit Company, liabilities.

69 Stat. 724

31 Stat. 1284.