gation between the Parish of Saint Tammany in the State of Louisiana and the County of Hancock in the State of Mississippi, approximately four and one-half miles northeast of Pearl River station in the State of Louisiana and five miles south of Nicholson in the State of Mississippi and in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 11, 1924.

CHAP. 52.—An Act To authorize the settlement of the indebtedness of the Republic of Finland to the United States of America.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the settlement of the indebtedness of the Republic of Finland to the United States of America, made by the World War Foreign Debt Commission and approved by the President, upon the following terms is hereby approved and authorized:

Principal amount of obligations to be funded, $8,281,926.17; interest accrued thereon to December 15, 1922, at the rate of 4\% per centum per annum, $1,027,389.10, less payment in cash made by Finland March 8, 1923, on account of interest, $300,000, leaving a balance of $727,389.10; total principal and interest accrued and unpaid as of December 15, 1922, $9,009,315.27; less payment in cash made by Finland on May 1, 1923, $9,315.27. Total indebtedness to be funded into bonds, $9,000,000.

The principal of the bonds shall be paid in annual installments on the 15th day of each December, up to and including December 15, 1984, on a fixed schedule, subject to the right of the Government of Finland to make these payments in three-year periods; the amount of the first year's installment shall be $45,000, the annual installments to increase with due regularity until, in the sixty-second year, the amount of the installment will be $345,000, the aggregate installments being equal to the total principal of the debt.

The Government of Finland shall have the right to pay off additional amounts of the principal of the bonds on any interest date upon ninety days' notice.

Interest shall be payable upon the unpaid balances at the following rates on December 15 and June 15 of each year:

At the rate of 3\% per centum per annum, payable semiannually, from December 15, 1922, to December 15, 1932, and thereafter at the rate of 3\%\% per centum per annum, payable semiannually, until final payment.

The Government of Finland shall have the right to pay up to one-half of any interest accruing between December 15, 1922, and December 15, 1927, on the $9,000,000, principal amount of bonds first to be issued, in bonds of Finland dated as of the respective dates when the interest to be paid thereby becomes due, payable as to principal on the 15th day of December in each succeeding year, up to and including December 15, 1984, on a fixed schedule, in annual installments, increasing with due regularity in proportion to, and in the manner provided for, the payments to be made on account of principal of the original issue of bonds, and bearing the same rates of interest and being similar in other respects to such original issue of bonds.

Any payment of interest or of principal may be made, at the option of the Government of Finland, in any United States Gov-
ernment obligations issued after April 6, 1917, such bonds to be
taken at par and accrued interest.

Approved, March 12, 1924.

CHAP. 53.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the erection on public grounds in the
District of Columbia of a statue by Jose Clara personifying "Serenity."

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Chief
of Engineers, United States Army, be, and is hereby, authorized
and directed to select a suitable site and to grant permission to
Charles Deering for the erection, as a gift to the people of the
United States, on public grounds of the United States in the
city of Washington, District of Columbia, other than those of the
Capitol, the Library of Congress, the Mall, and White House,
of a Carrara marble statue of “Serenity,” by Jose Clara: Provided,
That the site chosen and the design of the memorial shall be
approved by the Joint Committee on the Library, with the advice
of the Commission of Fine Arts, that it shall be erected under
the supervision of the Chief of Engineers, and that the United
States shall be put to no expense in or by the erection of the statue.

Approved, March 12, 1924.

CHAP. 54.—An Act For the relief of certain nations or tribes of Indians in

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction
is hereby conferred upon the Court of Claims, with right of appeal
to the Supreme Court of the United States, to consider and deter-
mine all legal and equitable claims against the United States of the
Blackfeet, Blood, Piegan, and Gros Ventre Nations or Tribes of
Indians, residing upon the Blackfeet and Fort Belknap Indian
Reservations, in the State of Montana; and the Flathead, Kooten-
ais, and Upper Pend d’Oreilles Nations or Tribes of Indians,
residing upon the Flathead Indian Reservation, in the State of
Montana; and the Nez Perce Nation or Tribe of Indians, residing
upon the Lapwai Indian Reservation, in the State of Idaho; and
upon the Colville Indian Reservation, in the State of Washington,
for lands or hunting rights claimed to be existing in all said nations
or tribes of Indians by virtue of the treaty of October 17, 1855
(Eleventh Statutes at Large, page 657, and the following), and
in said Flathead, Kootenais, and Upper Pend d’Oreilles Nations
or Tribes of Indians by virtue of the treaty of July 16, 1855
(Twelfth Statutes at Large, page 975, and the following), with
said Indians, and all claims arising directly therefrom, which lands
and hunting rights are alleged to have been taken from the said
Indians by the United States, and also any legal or equitable
defenses, set-offs, or counterclaims, including gratuities, which the
United States may have against the said nations or tribes, and to
enter judgment thereon, all claims and defenses to be considered
without regard to lapse of time; and the final judgment and satis-
faction thereof shall be in full settlement of all said claims.

That suits under this Act shall be begun by the filing of a peti-
tion within two years of the date of the approval of this Act, to
be verified by the attorney or attorneys selected by the claimant
Indians, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, em-
ployed under contracts executed and approved in accordance with