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Grantee of power project may remove, etc., dam.

Amendment.

Sec. 3. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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Chap. 313.—An Act To provide for the construction of a memorial bridge across the Potomac River from a point near the Lincoln Memorial in the city of Washington to an appropriate point in the State of Virginia, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commission created by section 23 of the Act approved March 4, 1913 (Thirty-seventh Statutes, page 885), is hereby authorized and directed to proceed at once with the construction of a memorial bridge across the Potomac River from the vicinity of the Lincoln Memorial in the city of Washington to an appropriate point in the State of Virginia, including appropriate approaches, roads, streets, boulevards, avenues, and walks leading thereto on both sides of said river, together with the landscape features appertaining thereto, all in accordance with the design, surveys, and estimates of cost transmitted by said commission to Congress under date of April 22, 1924:

Provided, That said commission may make such changes in design and location of said bridge without increasing the total cost of the project as in its discretion may be found to be necessary or advisable.

Sec. 2. That the execution of the project herein and hereby authorized shall be carried out under the general supervision of the Arlington Memorial Bridge Commission in the immediate charge of the executive officer of the said commission, and that said construction shall be entered upon as speedily as practicable in accordance with the plans submitted by the said commission and shall be prosecuted to completion by contracts or otherwise, as may be most economical and advantageous to the Government and approved and ordered by the said commission in a total sum not to exceed $14,750,000, which sum is authorized to be appropriated from any moneys available or that may become available in the Treasury of the United States: Provided, That such appropriations as may be made under the authority of this Act for the execution of said project shall be chargeable to the Treasury of the United States and the revenues of the District of Columbia in such manner as shall then be determined by Congress to be equitable: Provided further, That the opening, widening, extending, or improvement of any streets of the District of Columbia in connection with this project shall be subject to assessments for benefits in accordance with the laws governing similar work under the Commissioners of the District of Columbia: And provided further, That if the bridge is constructed otherwise than by contract there shall be kept accurate and itemized account of all costs, including labor, materials, rental, repairs, insurance, depreciation of plant and equipment, and all other items and engineering costs properly chargeable to the construction of said bridge.

Assessments on widening streets, etc.

Accounting if constructed other than by contract.

Proviso. Changes allowed.

Limit of cost authorized. Post, p. 1316.

Proviso. Proportional charges on Treasury and District revenues.

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SEC. 3. That the said executive officer of the said Arlington Memorial Bridge Commission is hereby authorized, with the approval of the said commission, to employ the services of such engineers, architects, sculptors, artists, and other personnel as shall be determined to be necessary without reference to civil service requirements and at rates of pay authorized by said commission: Provided, That such officers of the United States Corps of Engineers as may be considered necessary by said commission may be detailed by the President on this work for such periods as the commission may require.

SEC. 4. That the said Arlington Memorial Bridge Commission is hereby authorized to occupy such Government-owned lands as may be necessary for the bridge project authorized herein, and on completion of the project to transfer to the park system under the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, all or such portions of such lands as the said commission may in its discretion decide to be necessary.

SEC. 5. That the said Arlington Memorial Bridge Commission is hereby authorized to procure by purchase in the open market, or otherwise, as may be most advisable, or by condemnation, such privately owned lands as may be necessary for approaches on the Virginia shore and to allow B Street northwest, Washington, District of Columbia, to be opened up from the Capitol to the Potomac River in accordance with the said plans of the said commission: Provided, That any condemnation carried out under this Act shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved August 30, 1890, providing for a site for the enlargement of the Government Printing Office.

SEC. 6. That the project herein authorized may be prosecuted by direct appropriations or by continuing contracts, or by both direct appropriations and continuing contracts: Provided, That the expenditures in any year shall not exceed the amounts for the corresponding year as shown in the ten-year program of expenditures and construction contained in the report of the said commission.

SEC. 7. That said commission shall annually submit to Congress, through the Bureau of the Budget, a statement of sums of money previously expended and an estimate of the total sum of money necessary to be expended in the next succeeding year to carry on the work authorized by this Act.

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CHAP. 314.—Joint Resolution To authorize the American National Red Cross to continue the use of temporary buildings now erected on square numbered 172, Washington, District of Columbia.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That authority be, and is hereby, given to the central committee of the American National Red Cross to continue the use of such temporary buildings as are now erected upon square numbered 172, in the city of Washington, for the use of the American Red Cross in connection with its work in cooperation with the Government of the United States: Provided, That any building or buildings the use of which is extended under this authority shall be removed and site or sites thereof placed in good condition not later than December 31, 1926: Provided further, That the United States shall be put to no expense of any kind by reason of the exercise of the authority hereby conferred.

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