CHAP. 557.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the city of Rockford, in the county of Winnebago and State of Illinois, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Rock River.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the city of Rockford, in the county of Winnebago, in the State of Illinois, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Rock River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, connecting Peach Street on the west side of the said river in the said city of Rockford with Jefferson Street on the east side of said Rock River in the said city of Rockford, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled “An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters,” approved March 23, 1906.

Sec. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 4, 1925.

CHAP. 558.—Joint Resolution To amend section 10 of the Act entitled “An Act to establish the upper Mississippi River wild life and fish refuge”.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 10 of the Act entitled “An Act to establish the upper Mississippi River wild life and fish refuge,” approved June 7, 1924 (Forty-third Statutes at Large, page 650), be, and the same hereby is, amended by striking out that part of said section which reads: “but no money shall be available for the acquisition of any area until the Secretary of Agriculture has ascertained that all of the areas to be acquired under this Act will be acquired within the amounts appropriated or authorized to be appropriated therefor and at an average price not in excess of $5 per acre, and not in excess of the average selling price, during the years 1921, 1922, and 1923, of comparable lands within the vicinity of such areas,” and by substituting in lieu thereof the following: “Provided, That the Secretary of Agriculture shall not pay for any land or land and water a price which when added to the price of land or land and water theretofore purchased, shall exceed an average cost of $5 per acre.”

Approved, March 4, 1925.

CHAP. 559.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the enlargement of the Federal Veterans’ Hospital at Muskogee, Oklahoma, by the purchase of an adjoining city hospital and authorizing the appropriation of $150,000 for that purpose.

Whereas the Veterans’ Bureau has lately acquired from the State of Oklahoma title to the veterans’ hospital located at Muskogee, Oklahoma; and

Whereas the city of Muskogee is the owner of a small hospital on a lot immediately adjoining that of the national hospital site, similar in construction and architecture to that of the Federal hospital and fitting into the scheme of the Government to enlarge and improve said hospital and necessary to its enlargement and improvement; and

Whereas the city of Muskogee, Oklahoma, has graciously offered to sell said hospital to the Government for the sum of $150,000, being considerably less than the cost of its construction, in order and for the purpose of carrying out the scheme of the Veterans’ Bureau in connection with said hospital; and