entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, subject to the exemptions provided in section 1 of the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 670): Provided, That when the period during which the Alabama Bridge Commission is authorized to operate and maintain such bridge for toll, pursuant to Act Numbered 550, General and Local Laws of Alabama, 1939, approved September 22, 1939, has been completed the bridge shall be operated free of toll.

Sec. 2. Public Law Numbered 292, Seventy-sixth Congress, approved July 26, 1939, is hereby repealed.

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

Approved, July 8, 1940.

[CHAPTER 550]

AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Arrow Rock, Missouri.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River, at or near Arrow Rock, Missouri, authorized to be built by the Saint Louis-Kansas City Short Line Railroad Company by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, heretofore extended by Acts of Congress approved April 15, 1932, August 30, 1935, and May 24, 1937, are hereby further extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of approval thereof.

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

Approved, July 8, 1940.

[CHAPTER 551]

AN ACT

To defray the cost of returning to the United States the remains, families, and effects of officers and employees dying abroad, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in case any civilian officer or employee of the United States dies (1) while in a travel status away from his official station in the United States or (2) while performing official duties in a Territory or possession of the United States or in a foreign country or in transit thereto or therefrom, the head of the department, independent establishment, agency, or federally owned or controlled corporation, hereinafter called department, in the service of which such officer or employee was engaged, is hereby authorized, under regulations to be prescribed by the President and except as otherwise provided by law, to pay from the appropriation available for the activity in which he was engaged—

(a) In case of the death of the officer or employee in such travel status in the United States, or in the case of the death of the officer or employee while performing official duties in a Territory or possession of the United States or in a foreign country or in transit thereto or therefrom, the expenses of preparing and transporting the remains of such officer or employee to his home or official station or such other place as the head of the department concerned shall determine to be the appropriate place of interment.