[CHAPTER 136]

AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Saint Croix River at or near Hudson, Wisconsin.

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 Saint Croix River at or near Hudson, Wisconsin, authorized to be built by the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin, jointly or separately, by an Act of Congress approved July 17, 1942, are hereby extended two and four years, respectively, from July 17, 1943.

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

Approved June 22, 1943.

[CHAPTER 137]

AN ACT

To amend section 353 (b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 353 (b) of the Communications Act of 1934 (50 Stat. 193, 55 Stat. 579; U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 47, sec. 353 (b)), as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(b) A cargo ship, required by this part to be fitted with a radio installation, which is fitted with an autoalarm in accordance with this title, shall, for safety purposes, carry at least one qualified operator who shall have had at least six months’ previous service in the aggregate as a qualified operator in a station on board a ship or ships of the United States, but during the emergency proclaimed by the President on September 8, 1939, to exist, but not after the termination of such emergency or such earlier date as Congress by concurrent resolution may designate, the aforesaid requirement of six months’ previous service may be suspended or modified by regulation or order of the Commission for successive periods of not more than six months’ duration.”

Approved June 22, 1943.

[CHAPTER 138]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize an appropriation for work relief in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Federal Works Administrator is authorized to provide work for employable needy persons on useful public projects in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands for the period July 1, 1943, to November 30, 1943, in accordance with the appropriate provisions and for the purposes prescribed in the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1943, which provisions are hereby extended and made applicable to the appropriations made to carry out the purposes of this joint resolution. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated a sum not to exceed $8,000,000 to carry out the provisions of this joint resolution, including administrative expenses in connection therewith.

Approved June 22, 1943.