any changes in said bridge which the Secretary of War may at any
time deem necessary and order in the interests of navigation shall be
made by the owners thereof at their own expense.

Sec. 5. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of
the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and
completed within three years from the date of approval hereof.

Sec. 6. That Congress hereby expressly reserves the right to alter,
amend, or repeal this Act.

Approved, May 4, 1900.

CHAP. 346.—An Act To amend an Act entitled “An Act permitting the build-
ing of a dam across Rainy Lake River.”

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That section three of an Act
entitled “An Act permitting the building of a dam across Rainy Lake
River,” approved May fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and
granting to the Koochiching Company, its successors and assigns, the
consent of Congress to construct a dam across the Rainy Lake River,
be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

“That this Act shall be null and void unless the dam herein authorized
shall be commenced within three years and completed within five years
after the fourth day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.”

Approved, May 4, 1900.

CHAP. 347.—An Act To authorize the New Orleans and Northwestern Railway
Company, its successors and assigns, to build and maintain a bridge across Bayou
Bartholomew in the State of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the New Orleans and
Northwestern Railway Company, a corporation created, organized, and
existing under the laws of the States of Louisiana and Mississippi be,
and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a railway bridge,
and approaches thereto, over Bayou Bartholomew, in the State of
Louisiana, at a point suitable, in the judgment of the Secretary of
War, to the interests of navigation, near the north line of section
twenty-five, township twenty-two north, range five east; said bridge
shall be constructed for the passage of railway trains, and, at the
option of the corporation by which it is built, may be used for the
passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals,
and for foot passengers, for reasonable rates of toll, to be fixed by the
said company and approved by the Secretary of War.

Sec. 2. That the said bridge, to be constructed under this Act, and
subject to its limitations, shall be a lawful structure, and shall be
recognized and known as a post road, and shall enjoy the rights and
privileges of other post roads in the United States; that no higher
charges shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mail,
troops, and munitions of war of the United States or for through rail-
way passengers or freight passing over said bridge than the rate per
mile for their transmission over the roads leading to said bridge; and
equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all tele-
graph companies, and the United States shall have the right of way
across said bridge for postal telegraph services; that the said bridge
shall be constructed either as a drawbridge, or otherwise, so that a
free and unobstructed passage may be secured to all water crafts
navigating said river at the point aforesaid: Provided, That if the
said bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be con-

Commencement and completion.

Amendment.

Time extended to
the Koochiching
Company to dam
Rainy Lake River,
Minn.

Transit.

Toll.

 Telegraph compa-
 nies.

Draw.

Opening of.