same, such question shall be determined by the Secretary of War on 
application to him by either party to such matter of difference and due 
otice to all other parties interested. The parties shall be heard by 
the Secretary, and they shall have the opportunity of producing testi-
mony. The determination of any such question by the Secretary of 
War shall be conclusive on the parties: Provided, That his decision 
may from time to time, as becomes necessary, be revised and modified 
by him.

Sec. 5. That any bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act 
shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the 
security of navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall pre-
scribe, and to secure that object the said company or corporation shall 
submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a 
design and drawings of the bridge and a map of the location, and shall 
furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satis-
factory understanding of the subject; and the said company or cor-
poration shall cause to be displayed on said bridge, from the hours of 
sunset to sunrise, or at other times, such lights or other signals as may 
be prescribed by the Light-House Board.

Sec. 6. That the draw or draws shall be opened promptly upon 
reasonable signal for the passage of boats, vessels, or other water craft; 
and at the time of the erection of the piers, or whenever in the opinion 
of the Secretary of War the same may be necessary, the persons or 
corporations constructing, owning, or operating said bridge shall, at 
their own expense, construct proper sheer booms or other proper 
structures to safely guide boats, vessels, or other water craft through 
the said spans.

Sec. 7. That if the actual construction of the bridge hereby author-
ized shall not be commenced within two years from the date of approval 
of this Act, and be completed within four years after the same date, 
then this Act shall be void, and all rights hereby conferred shall cease 
and be determined; and that the construction shall not be commenced 
until the Government of the Dominion of Canada has authorized the 
construction and maintenance of that part of said bridge which shall 
occupy that portion of the said Rainy River which is under the juris-
diction of said Dominion government.

Sec. 8. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby 
expressly reserved.

Approved, March 9, 1900.

March 9, 1900.

CHAP. 38.—An Act To extend the time for the completion of a bridge across the 
Missouri River.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United 
States of America in Congress assembled, That section six of the Act 
approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, authorizing 
the Dakota Southern Railroad Company to construct a combined rail-
road, wagon, and foot-passenger bridge across the Missouri River, at 
the city of Yankton, South Dakota, be, and is hereby, amended by 
extending the time for commencing the construction of said bridge to 
March third, nineteen hundred and one, and by extending the time 
for completing said bridge to March third, nineteen hundred and four. 
Approved, March 9, 1900.