CHAP. 620.—An Act Permitting building a dam across New 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 F. H. Fries and W. C. Ruffin, of the State of North Carolina, their successors and assigns, to erect, construct, and maintain across New River, in Grayson County, Virginia, at any point within two miles of the mouth of Stevens Creek, a dam and all other works necessarily incident thereto for water-power purposes: Provided, That the said F. H. Fries and W. C. Ruffin, their successors and assigns, shall make, at their own expense, such change and modification of the said dam as the Secretary of War may from time to time direct in the interests of the navigation of said river: Provided further, That ladders suitable for the passage of fish over the said dam shall be constructed and maintained by the said parties, their successors and assigns, as may from time to time be required by the United States Fish Commissioner: Provided further, That in case any litigation arises from the obstruction of the channel by the said dam, or works appurtenant thereto, that the same may be tried in the courts of the United States having proper jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall become null and void unless the dam herein authorized shall be commenced within two years and completed within five years of the date hereof.

SEC. 3. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, June 4, 1900.

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CHAP. 621.—An Act Authorizing and requiring certain extensions to be made to the lines of the Capital Traction Company and of the Anacostia and Potomac River Railroad Company of the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Capital Traction Company of the District of Columbia be, and it hereby is, authorized and required to construct the necessary tracks and to make the necessary connections for the purpose of operating its cars by the underground electric system and to operate the same over and along the following route, namely: Beginning at the intersection of First and C streets northwest, east on C street to Delaware avenue, and thence by a loop around square six hundred and eighty-six (bounded by Delaware avenue, B, First, and C streets northeast). Also, beginning at the intersection of Pennsylvania avenue and Seventeenth street northwest; south on Seventeenth street by double tracks to G street northwest; west on G street by single track to Twenty-fifth street; north on Twenty-fifth street by single track to Pennsylvania avenue. Also, beginning with the tracks at the corner of Seventeenth and G streets northwest; south on Seventeenth street by single track to F street northwest; west on F street by single track to Twenty-sixth street northwest; north on Twenty-sixth street by single track to Pennsylvania avenue: Provided, That for the purpose of furnishing a loop, for use when necessary, a single track may be extended along G street northwest from Twenty-fifth to Twenty-sixth streets, connecting with the single tracks in Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets northwest.

SEC. 2. That the Anacostia and Potomac River Railroad Company be, and it is hereby, authorized and required, within one year from the date of the approval of this Act, to extend the lines of its underground electric railroad from the intersection of First street east and E street south, north along First street to B street south; thence west along B street, connecting with its existing tracks between Second and Third streets west.