

CHAP. 226.—An Act For the establishment of a subport of entry at Ranier, Minnesota.

February 27, 1909.
[S. 9017.]

[Public, No. 286.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Ranier, Minnesota, be, and is hereby, established as a subport of entry in the customs collection district of Minnesota, and that the privileges of the first section of the Act approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An Act to amend the statutes in relation to immediate transportation of dutiable goods, and for other purposes," being chapter one hundred and ninety, volume twenty-one, of the Statutes at Large, be, and the same are hereby, extended to said subport.

Customs,
Ranier, Minn., made
subport of entry.
R. S., sec. 2695, p. 513,
amended.
Immediate trans-
portation facilities
granted.
Vol. 21, p. 173.

Approved, February 27, 1909.

CHAP. 227.—An Act To amend an Act approved July first, nineteen hundred and two, entitled "An Act temporarily to provide for the administration of the affairs of civil government in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes."

February 27, 1909.
[H. R. 26155.]

[Public, No. 287.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the third paragraph of the seventh section of the Act entitled "An Act temporarily to provide for the administration of the affairs of civil government in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes," approved July first, nineteen hundred and two, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Philippine Islands.
Annual sessions of
legislature.
Vol. 32, p. 694,
amended.

"**SEC. 7.** The legislature shall hold annual sessions, commencing on the first Monday of February in each year and continuing not exceeding ninety days thereafter (Sundays and holidays not included) and the first meeting of the legislature shall be held upon the call of the governor within ninety days after the first election: *Provided,* That the Philippine Legislature after its first meeting as herein provided may by law fix a date other than the first Monday of February in each year for the commencement of its annual sessions: *And provided further,* That if at the termination of any session the appropriations necessary for the support of government shall not have been made, an amount equal to the sums appropriated in the last appropriation bills for such purposes shall be deemed to be appropriated; and until the legislature shall act in such behalf the treasurer may, with the advice of the governor, make the payments necessary for the purposes aforesaid."

Date, etc., of.

Prorisos.
Legislature may de-
termine date.

Provisions for gov-
ernmental expenses.

Approved, February 27, 1909.

CHAP. 228.—An Act To provide for improving the navigable capacity of the Sabine and Neches rivers, and the canal connecting the Sabine and Neches rivers with the mouth of Taylors Bayou.

February 27, 1909.
[H. R. 27363.]

[Public, No. 288.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion, to permit the counties of Jefferson and Orange, or any subdivisions thereof; in the State of Texas, or any citizen or citizens of said State, to improve the navigable capacity of the Sabine and Neches rivers, and the canal connecting the mouths of these rivers with the mouth of Taylors Bayou, by deepening and otherwise improving the same, such work to be done in accordance with such plans and specifications as may be approved by him on the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers: *Provided,* That the prosecution of the work shall be subject to the supervision, control, and regulation of the Secretary of War, and to such special conditions as he may impose for the protection of the interests of the United States: *Provided further,* That the entire cost of any work which may be done under authority hereby granted shall be borne by the party or parties to

Sabine and Neches
rivers, Tex.
Improving naviga-
tion of, permitted.

Canal connecting
Taylors Bayou with.

Plans, etc.

Prorisos.
Supervision, etc.

Cost.

whom the permit is issued, and neither this Act, nor any privilege acquired, or work executed thereunder, shall be used as the basis for any claim against the United States for remuneration for any expenditures made by the said party or parties: *And provided further*, That the methods to be pursued in executing the work herein authorized, including the making of the necessary contracts and the expenditure of the funds provided, shall be such as may be mutually agreed upon by the Secretary of War and the parties to whom the permit is issued.

Approved, February 27, 1909.

February 27, 1909.
[H. R. 23104.]

[Public, No. 289.]

CHAP. 229.—An Act To amend an Act to authorize a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Council Bluffs, Iowa, approved February first, nineteen hundred and eight.

Missouri River.
Time extended for
bridging, by Central
Railroad and Bridge
Company, at Council
Bluffs, Iowa.
Ante, p. 3, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act to authorize a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Council Bluffs, Iowa, approved February first, nineteen hundred and eight, is hereby amended so as to give to the Central Railroad and Bridge Company, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, all the authority and rights granted under said Act if the actual construction of the bridge authorized by said Act is commenced within one year and completed within three years from the passage of this Act.

Approved, February 27, 1909.

March 1, 1909.
[H. R. 26305.]

[Public, No. 290.]

CHAP. 232.—An Act Making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ten, and for other purposes.

Postal service ap-
propriations.

Vol. 5, p. 80.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and they are hereby, appropriated for the service of the Post-Office Department, in conformity with the Act of July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, as follows:

Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Advertising.

For advertising for the Post-Office Department and postal service, five thousand dollars.

Repair shop and
supplies division.
Rent of buildings.

For rent of suitable buildings for the use of the Post-Office Department, including the mail-bag repair shop, lock repair shop, and the division of supplies, thirty-four thousand four hundred dollars.

Power, etc.

For gas, electric power and light, and the repair of machinery, five thousand nine hundred dollars.

Post-office inspect-
ors.
Salaries.

FOR SALARIES OF POST-OFFICE INSPECTORS: For salaries of fifteen inspectors in charge of divisions, at three thousand dollars each; ten inspectors, at two thousand four hundred dollars each; fifteen inspectors, at two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars each; fifteen inspectors, at two thousand dollars each; ten inspectors, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each; one hundred and thirty inspectors, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; one hundred and ten inspectors, at one thousand four hundred dollars each; and fifty inspectors, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; in all, five hundred and seventy-two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Per diem.

For per diem allowance of inspectors in the field while actually traveling on official business away from their home, their official domicile, and their headquarters, at a rate to be fixed by the Post-