

CHAP. 249.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the county of Sumter, or to the county of Dooly, both of the State of Georgia, acting jointly or separately, and their successors and assigns, to construct a bridge across the Flint River.

July 17, 1916.
[H. R. 16287.]

[Public, No. 162.]

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 the county of Sumter, or to the county of Dooly, both of the State of Georgia, acting jointly or separately, and their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Flint River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Murrays Ferry, Georgia, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Flint River.
Sumter or Dooly
Counties, Ga., may
bridge, Murray's
Ferry.

Construction.
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Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, July 17, 1916.

CHAP. 250.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to Julian B. McCurry, A. G. McCurry, P. W. Walton, and J. J. Fretwell to construct a bridge across the Savannah River.

July 17, 1916.
[H. R. 16641.]

[Public, No. 163.]

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 Julian B. McCurry and A. G. McCurry, of Hartwell, Georgia; P. W. Walton, of Madison, Georgia; and J. J. Fretwell, of Anderson, South Carolina, and their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Savannah River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near McDonalds Shoals, between McDonalds Shoals and Hanks Ferry, in the county of Hart, State of Georgia, on the west, and the county of Anderson, State of South Carolina, on the east, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Savannah River.
Julian B. McCurry,
etc., may bridge,
Georgia and South
Carolina.

Construction.
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Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, July 17, 1916.

CHAP. 252.—Joint Resolution Creating a joint subcommittee from the membership of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce and the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to investigate the conditions relating to interstate and foreign commerce, and the necessity of further legislation relating thereto, and defining the powers and duties of such subcommittee.

July 20, 1916.
[S. Res. 60.]

[Pub. Res., No. 25.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Interstate Commerce Committee of the Senate and the Committee of the House of Representatives on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, through a joint subcommittee to consist of five Senators and five Representatives, who shall be selected by said committees, respectively, be, and they hereby are, appointed to investigate the subject of the Government control and regulation of interstate and foreign transportation, the efficiency of the existing system in protecting the rights of shippers and carriers and in promoting the public interest, the incorporation or control of the incorporation of carriers, and all proposed changes in the organization of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Act to regulate commerce, also the subject of Government ownership of all public utilities, such as telegraph, wireless, cable, telephone, express companies, and railroads engaged in interstate and foreign commerce and

Interstate and for-
eign commerce.
Investigation of con-
ditions, etc., by joint
Congressional com-
mittee.
Subjects designated.
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Authority, etc.

Report.

Appropriation.

report as to the wisdom or feasibility of Government ownership of such utilities and as to the comparative worth and efficiency of Government regulation and control as compared with Government ownership and operation, with authority to sit during the recess of Congress and with power to summon witnesses, to administer oaths, and to require the various departments, commissions, and other Government agencies of the United States to furnish such information and render such assistance as may, in the judgment of the joint subcommittee, be deemed desirable, to appoint necessary experts, clerks, and stenographers, and to do whatever is necessary for a full and comprehensive examination and study of the subject and report to Congress on or before the second Monday in January, nineteen hundred and seventeen; that the sum of \$24,000, or so much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to pay the necessary expenses of the subcommittee and its members, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Said appropriation shall be immediately available and shall be paid out on the audit and order of the chairman or acting chairman of said subcommittee, which audit and order shall be conclusive and binding upon all departments as to the correctness of the accounts of such subcommittee.

Approved, July 20, 1916.

July 21, 1916.

[S. J. Res. 150.]

[Pub. Res., No. 26.]

CHAP. 253.—Joint Resolution To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to accept from the city of Pittsburgh certain lands in exchange for other lands of equal area.

Pittsburgh, Pa.
Exchange of lands
with, for mining ex-
perimental station.

Lands accepted from
city.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to accept from the city of Pittsburgh, State of Pennsylvania, that certain lot or parcel of land bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the line dividing the properties owned by the city of Pittsburgh and the United States of America, occupied by the Bureau of Mines, at a point north seventy-six degrees forty-five minutes west forty-two and eight-tenths feet from the southeast corner of the said property of the United States of America; thence south fifteen degrees twenty-four minutes fifty-five seconds west eighteen and forty-four one-hundredths feet to a point; thence north seventy-four degrees thirty-six minutes fifty-five seconds west four hundred and fifty-seven and six one-hundredths feet to a point; thence south fifteen degrees twenty-eight minutes forty-five seconds west thirty-seven and eighty-seven one-thousandths feet to a point; thence north seventy-four degrees thirty-six minutes fifty-five seconds west four hundred and forty-nine and sixty-six one-hundredths feet to a point; thence north fifteen degrees twenty-eight minutes forty-five seconds east twenty-one and seven hundred and twenty-seven one-thousandths feet to a point on the said line dividing the properties of the city of Pittsburgh and the United States of America; thence south seventy-six degrees forty-five minutes east nine hundred and seven and thirty-nine one-hundredths feet to the place of beginning, containing eighteen thousand square feet, more or less, for the use of the Bureau of Mines of the Department of the Interior, and to transfer to the city of Pittsburgh in exchange therefor that certain lot or parcel of land now constituting a part of the grounds of the Bureau of Mines of the Department of the Interior bounded and described as follows:

Lands transferred to
city.

Beginning at a point on the line dividing the properties owned by the city of Pittsburgh and the United States of America, occupied by the Bureau of Mines, at a point north seventy-six degrees forty-