Whereas the territory included within the drainage area of the said stream and its tributaries is largely arid and in small part irrigated, and the present and future development necessities and general welfare of each of said States and of the United States require the further use of the waters of said streams for irrigation and other beneficial purposes, and that future litigation and conflict respecting the use and distribution of said waters should be avoided and settled by compact between said States; and

Whereas the said States, by appropriate legislation, have authorized the governors thereof to appoint commissioners to represent said States for the purpose of entering into a compact or agreement between said States respecting the future utilization and disposition of the waters of the Colorado River and of the streams tributary thereto; and

Whereas the governors of said several States have named and appointed their respective commissioners for the purposes aforesaid, and have presented their resolution to the President of the United States requesting the appointment of a representative on behalf of the United States to participate in said negotiations and to represent the interests of the United States: Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That consent of Congress is hereby given to the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming to negotiate and enter into a compact or agreement not later than January 1, 1923, providing for an equitable division and apportionment among said States of the water supply of the Colorado River and of the streams tributary thereto, upon condition that a suitable person, who shall be appointed by the President of the United States, shall participate in said negotiations, as the representative of and for the protection of the interests of the United States, and shall make report to Congress of the proceedings and of any compact or agreement entered into, and the sum of $10,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated to pay the salary and expenses of the representative of the United States appointed hereunder: Provided, That any such compact or agreement shall not be binding or obligatory upon any of the parties thereto unless and until the same shall have been approved by the legislature of each of said States and by the Congress of the United States.

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

Approved, August 19, 1921.
with the provisions of section 1 of this Act the provision hereof shall take effect, and for that purpose an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at Memphis, Tennessee," approved April 24, 1888, and all Acts amendatory thereof are hereby so amended as to relieve said company of the necessity of maintaining said approaches to and said passageway across said bridge for wagons and other vehicles, animals, and foot passengers.

Sec. 3. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved, August 22, 1921.

CHAP. 74.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to Old Trail's Bridge Company to construct 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 the consent of Congress is hereby granted to Old Trail's Bridge Company (a Missouri corporation) and its successors and assigns to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at the city of Boonville, Missouri, in the county of Cooper, in the State of Missouri, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

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

Approved, August 22, 1921.

CHAP. 75.—Joint Resolution Permitting the admission of certain aliens who sailed from foreign ports on or before June 8, 1921, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That aliens of any nationality who are brought to the United States on vessels which departed from foreign ports on or before June 8, 1921, destined for the United States, and who apply in the month of June, 1921, for admission to the United States, may, if otherwise admissible, be admitted to the United States although the limit prescribed by section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to limit the immigration of aliens into the United States," approved May 19, 1921, may have been reached before such application for admission. The number of aliens of any nationality so admitted shall be deducted, under such regulations as the Secretary of Labor may prescribe, from the number of aliens of that nationality admissible, during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1921, under the provisions of such Act of May 19, 1921, but nothing in this resolution shall prohibit the admission of otherwise admissible aliens of any nationality during the month of July, 1921, up to 20 per centum of the number of aliens of that nationality admissible during such fiscal year under the provisions of such Act of May 19, 1921, as heretofore promulgated.

Approved, August 22, 1921.