when time and facilities permit, for a sum less than it can be purchased or acquired otherwise: Provided, That all orders or contracts for work or material, under authorization of law heretofore or hereafter placed with Government-owned establishments, shall be considered as obligations in the same manner as provided for similar orders or contracts placed with private contractors, and appropriations for such work or material shall remain available for payment therefor as in the case of orders or contracts placed with private contractors.

That the Naval Appropriation Act approved June 4, 1920, is hereby amended so that any chaplain in the Naval Reserve Force who was more than fifty years of age on the date of said Act, and who now holds the confirmed rank of commander, may be transferred to and appointed in the same permanent grade and rank in the regular Navy, not in the line of promotion and not eligible for retirement: Provided, That any chaplain transferred to the regular Navy in accordance with this authorization shall be wholly retired without pay upon attaining the age of sixty-four years or becoming physically incapacitated for active duty: Provided further, That nothing contained in this Act shall operate to increase the number of chaplains with the rank of commander as now authorized by law.

Approved, July 1, 1922.


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 97 of the Act entitled "An Act to codify, revise, and amend the laws relating to the judiciary," approved March 3, 1911, be, and it is, amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 97. The State of New York is divided into four judicial districts, to be known as the northern, eastern, southern, and western districts of New York. The northern district shall include the territory embraced on the 1st day of July, 1910, in the counties of Albany, Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Clinton, Cortland, Delaware, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, Otsego, Rensselaer, Saint Lawrence, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Tioga, Tompkins, Warren, and Washington, with the waters thereof. Terms of the district court for said district shall be held at Albany on the second Tuesday in February; at Utica on the first Tuesday in December; at Binghamton on the second Tuesday in June; at Auburn on the first Tuesday in October; and, in the discretion of the judge of the court, one term annually at such time and place within the counties of Schenectady, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Onondaga, Saint Lawrence, Clinton, Jefferson, Oswego, and Franklin, as he may from time to time appoint: Provided, That suitable accommodations for holding court at such appointed place be furnished free of expense to the United States. Such appointment shall be made by notice of at least twenty days, published in a newspaper published at the place where said court is to be held. The eastern district shall include the territory embraced on the 1st day of July, 1910, in the counties of Richmond, Kings, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk, with the waters thereof. Terms of the district court for said district shall be held at Brooklyn on the first Wednesday in every month. The southern district shall include the territory embraced on the 1st day of July, 1910, in the counties of Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, New York, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester, with
the waters thereof. Terms of the district court for said district shall be held at New York City on the first Tuesday in each month. The district courts of the southern and eastern districts shall have concurrent jurisdiction over the waters within the counties of New York, Kings, Queens, Nassau, Richmond, and Suffolk, and over all seizures made and all matters done in such waters; all processes or orders issued within either of said courts or by any judge thereof shall run and be executed in any part of said waters. The western district shall include the territory embraced on the 1st day of July, 1910, in the counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates, with the waters thereof. Terms of the district court for said district shall be held at Elmira on the second Tuesday in January; at Buffalo on the second Tuesdays in March and November; at Rochester on the second Tuesday in May; at Jamestown on the second Tuesday in July; at Lockport on the second Tuesday in October; and at Canandaigua on the second Tuesday in September. The regular sessions of the district court for the western district for the hearing of motions, and for proceedings in bankruptcy and the trial of causes in admiralty, shall be held at Buffalo at least two weeks in each month of the year, except August, unless the business is sooner disposed of. The times for holding the same and such other special sessions as the court shall deem necessary shall be fixed by rules of the court. All process in admiralty causes and proceedings shall be made returnable at Buffalo. The judge of any district in the State of New York may perform the duties of the judge of any other district in such State upon the request of any resident judge entered in the minutes of his court; and in such cases such judge shall have the same powers as are vested in the resident judge."

Approved, July 1, 1922.

CHAP. 261.—An Act To legalize a bridge across the south arm of Pokegama Lake in Itasca County, State of Minnesota.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the highway bridge built by the authorities of Itasca County, Minnesota, across the south arm of Pokegama Lake in section seventeen, township fifty-four, range twenty-live in said county and State, is hereby legalized and the consent of Congress is hereby given to its maintenance by said county for the use of the general public: Provided, That any changes in said bridge, which the Secretary of War may deem necessary and order in the interest of navigation, shall be promptly made by the said county.

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

Approved, July 1, 1922.

CHAP. 262.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge over the Rio Grande between the cities of Del Rio, Texas, and Las Vacas, Mexico.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Del Rio and Las Vacas Bridge Company, a copartnership organized and entered into under the laws of the State of Texas, be, and is hereby, authorized and empowered to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto over the Rio Grande between the cities of Del