Monroe doctrine there shall be coined at the mints of the United States silver 50-cent pieces to the number of not more than three hundred thousand, such 50-cent pieces to be of the standard troy weight, composition, diameter, device, and design as shall be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, which said 50-cent pieces shall be legal tender in any payment to the amount of their face value.

Sec. 2. That the coins herein authorized shall be issued only upon the request of the Los Angeles Clearing House and upon payment by such clearing house to the United States of the par value of such coins.

Sec. 3. That all laws now in force relating to the subsidiary silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same, regulating and guarding the process of coinage, providing for the purchase of material and for the transportation, distribution, and redemption of coins, for the prevention of debasement or counterfeiting, for security of the coin, or for other purposes, whether said laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage herein authorized: Provided, That the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the necessary dies and other preparations for this coinage.

Approved, January 24, 1923.

CHAP. 39.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the city of Sioux City, Iowa, and to Union County, in the State of South Dakota, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Big Sioux River at a point about two and one-half miles north of the mouth of said river, between section 14, township 89, range 48, Woodbury County, Iowa, and section 15, township 89, range 48, Union County, South Dakota.

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 city of Sioux City, Iowa, and to Union County, in the State of South Dakota, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Big Sioux River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, about two and one-half miles north of the mouth of said river, and between section 14, township 89, range 48, Woodbury County, Iowa, and section 15, township 89, range 48, Union County, South Dakota, 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, January 24, 1923.

CHAP. 40.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the State of North Dakota and the State of Minnesota, the County of Pembina, North Dakota, and the County of Kittson, Minnesota, or any of them, to construct a bridge across the Red River of the North at or near the city of Pembina, North Dakota.

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 State of North Dakota and the State of Minnesota, the County of Pembina, North Dakota, and the County of Kittson, Minnesota, or any of them, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Red River of the North at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near the city of Pembina, North Dakota, in accordance with

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

Approved, January 24, 1923.

January 24, 1923.
[Public, No. 394.]

CHAP. 41.—An Act To authorize the building of a bridge across the Great Pee Dee River in South Carolina.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the counties of Marlboro and Darlington be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Great Pee Dee River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation and at or near Society Hill, in Darlington County, South Carolina, 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, January 24, 1923.

January 24, 1923.
[H. R. 13559.]

CHAP. 42.—An Act Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, namely:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

SAARIES.

Secretary, Assistants, chief clerk, etc.

Secretary of the Interior, $12,000; First Assistant Secretary, $5,000; Assistant Secretary, $4,500; chief clerk, who shall be chief executive officer of the department and who may be designated by the Secretary to sign official papers and documents during the temporary absence of the Secretary and Assistant Secretaries, $4,000; assistant to the Secretary, $2,750; private secretary to the Secretary, $2,500; assistant attorney, $2,500; two special inspectors (whose employment shall be limited to the inspection of offices and the work in the several offices under the control of the department), at $2,500 each; six inspectors, at $2,500 each; chief disbursing clerk, $2,500; chiefs of divisions—one of supplies, $2,250, one of appointments, mails, and files, $2,250, and one of publications, $2,250; expert accountant, $2,000; clerks—four at $2,000 each, twelve of class two, one at $1,740 each, fourteen of class three, twenty of class two, one $1,320, twenty of class one, one $1,140, three at $1,000 each; returns office clerk, $1,600; female clerk, to be designated by the President, to sign land patents, $1,200; eight copyists, at $900 each; multigraph operator, $900; assistant multigraph operator, $720; two telephone switchboard operators, at $720 each; automobile mechanic, $1,400; chauffeurs—one $1,080, eight at $720 each; twelve messengers, at $840 each; six assistant messengers, at $720 each; laborers—three at $660 each, one $600; messenger boys—one $540,