CHAP. 367.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to O. Emmerson Smith, F. F. Priest, W. P. Jordan, H. W. West, C. M. Jordan, and G. Hubard Massey to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the southern branch of the Elizabeth River, at or near the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth, in the county of Norfolk, in the State of Virginia.

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 O. Emmerson Smith, F. F. Priest, W. P. Jordan, H. W. West, C. M. Jordan, and G. Hubard Massey, their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the southern branch of the Elizabeth River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth, in the county of Norfolk, in the State of Virginia, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

SEC. 2. The said O. Emmerson Smith, F. F. Priest, W. P. Jordan, H. W. West, C. M. Jordan, and G. Hubard Massey, their successors and assigns, are hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge, and the rates so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under the authority contained in such Act of March 23, 1906.

SEC. 3. After the date of completion of such bridge, as determined by the Secretary of War, either the State of Virginia, any political subdivision thereof within which any part of such bridge is located, or two or more of them jointly, may at any time acquire and take over all right, title, and interest in such bridge and approaches, and interests in real property necessary therefor, by purchase, or by condemnation in accordance with the law of such State governing the acquisition of private property for public purposes by condemnation. If at any time after the expiration of twenty years after the completion of such bridge it is acquired by condemnation, the amount of damages or compensation to be allowed shall not include good will, going value, or prospective revenues or profits, but shall be limited to the sum of (1) the actual cost of constructing such bridge and approaches, less a reasonable deduction for actual depreciation in respect of such bridge and approaches, (2) the actual cost of acquiring such interests in real property, (3) actual financing and promotion costs (not to exceed 10 per centum of the sum of the cost of construction of such bridge and approaches and the acquisition of such interests in real property), and (4) actual expenditures for necessary improvements.

SEC. 4. If such bridge shall at any time be taken over or acquired by any municipality or other political subdivision or subdivisions of the State of Virginia under the provisions of section 3 of this Act, and if tolls are charged for the use thereof, the rates of toll shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay for the cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the amount paid for such bridge and its approaches as soon as possible under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed thirty years from the date of acquiring the same. After a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of acquiring the bridge and its approaches shall have been provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls, or the rates of toll shall thereafter be so adjusted as to provide a fund of not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper care, maintenance, and operation of the bridge and its approaches. An accurate record of the amount paid for the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures...
for operating, repairing, and maintaining the same, and of daily
tolls collected shall be kept, and shall be available for the informa-
tion of all persons interested.

Sec. 5. The said O. Emmerson Smith, F. F. Priest, W. P. Jordan,
H. W. West, C. M. Jordan, and G. Hubard Massey, their successors
and assigns, shall, within ninety days after the completion of such
bridge, file with the Secretary of War a sworn itemized statement
showing the actual original cost of constructing such bridge and
approaches, including the actual cost of acquiring interests in real
property and actual financing and promotion costs. Within three
years after the completion of such bridge, the Secretary of War may
investigate the actual cost of such bridge, and for such purpose
the said O. Emmerson Smith, F. F. Priest, W. P. Jordan, H. W.
West, C. M. Jordan, and G. Hubard Massey, their successors and
assigns, shall make available to the Secretary of War all of their
records in connection with the financing and construction thereof.
The findings of the Secretary of War as to such actual original
cost shall be conclusive, subject only to review in a court of equity
for fraud or gross mistake.

Sec. 6. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the
rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby
granted to the said O. Emmerson Smith, F. F. Priest, W. P. Jordan,
H. W. West, C. M. Jordan, and G. Hubard Massey, their successors
and assigns, and any corporation to which such rights, powers, and
privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or which shall
acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby
authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though
conferred herein directly upon such corporation.

Sec. 7. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby
expressly reserved.

Approved, May 22, 1926.

CHAP. 368.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to delegate to
supervisory officers the power to make temporary and emergency appointments.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary
of the Interior may by appropriate regulation delegate to super-
visory officers the power vested in him under section 169 of the
Revised Statutes of the United States to make temporary or emer-
gency appointments of persons for duty in the field, subject,
however, to later confirmation thereof by the Secretary of the
Interior.

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CHAP. 369.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to Alfred L. McCaw-
lemy to construct, maintain, and operate bridges across the Mississippi and Missouri
Rivers, at Alton, Illinois, on the Mississippi and at or near Bellefontaine on 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 Alfred L. McCawley, his legal
representatives and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate two
highway or combined highway and railroad bridges and approaches
thereof, one across the Mississippi River, at a point suitable for
connecting the city of Alton, Illinois, with the State Highway
Numbered 94 in the State of Missouri, and the other bridge to be