

- Maintenance as free bridge, etc., after amortizing costs.
- Record of expenditures and receipts.
- Sworn statement of construction costs, etc., to be filed after completion.
- Investigation by Secretary of War.
- Findings of Secretary conclusive.
- Right to sell, etc., conferred.
- Amendment.
- a period of not to exceed twenty years from the date of acquiring the same. After a sinking fund sufficient to pay 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 rate of tolls shall thereafter be so adjusted as to provide a fund of not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper care, repair, maintenance, and operation of the bridge and its approaches. An accurate record of the amount paid for acquiring the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for operating, repairing, and maintaining the same, and of the daily tolls collected shall be kept, and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.
- SEC. 6. The Paducah Board of Trade, Incorporated, its 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 its approaches, the actual cost of acquiring any interest in real property necessary therefor, and the actual financing and promotion costs. The Secretary of War may, at any time within three years after the completion of such bridge, investigate the actual cost of constructing the same and for such purpose the said Paducah Board of Trade, Incorporated, its successors and assigns, shall make available all of its records in connection with the financing and the construction thereof. The findings of the Secretary of War as to the actual original cost of the bridge shall be conclusive, subject only to review in a court of equity for fraud or gross mistake.
- SEC. 7. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to the Paducah Board of Trade, Incorporated, its successors and assigns, and any corporation to which or any person to whom such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or who 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 or person.
- SEC. 8. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 23, 1927.

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[H. R. 11615.]  
[Public, No. 634.]

**CHAP. 171.**—An Act Providing for the cession to the State of Virginia of sovereignty over a tract of land located at Battery Cove, near Alexandria, Virginia.

District of Columbia.  
Made land at Battery Cove on Potomac River, near Alexandria, Va., ceded to Virginia.

*Provisos.*  
Other made land not relinquished.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all that part of the territory of the District of Columbia situated on the Virginia side of the Potomac River at Alexandria, Virginia, lying and being between a line drawn from Jones Point, at low-water mark, to Point Lumley, now Pioneer Mills, at low-water mark, and high-water mark on the Virginia shore of the Potomac River at Alexandria, containing an area of forty-six and fifty-seven one-hundredths acres of made land, more or less, be, and the same is hereby, ceded to and declared to be within the territorial boundaries, jurisdiction, and sovereignty of the State of Virginia: *Provided, however,* That this Act shall not be construed to waive or relinquish the title of the United States to the fee of the forty-six and fifty-seven one-hundredths acres of made land in Battery Cove nor as relinquishing or in any manner affecting the power of Congress to exercise exclusive legislation over the said area so long as the same remains in the ownership and possession of the United States: *And provided further,* That this Act shall not

be construed to affect, impair, surrender, waive, or defeat any claim, right, or remedy, either at law or in equity, of the United States against the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation for or on account of any debt or obligation of said company to the United States, or that hereafter may be ascertained to be due by said company to the United States, by any court of competent jurisdiction of the parties and of the subject matter in any suit now pending or that may hereafter be instituted by the United States against the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation.

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No claim against Virginia Shipbuilding Company waived, etc.

**CHAP. 172.**—Joint Resolution Making an appropriation for the eradication or control of the European corn borer.

February 23, 1927.

[H. J. Res. 359.]

[Pub. Res., No. 55.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to carry into effect the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the eradication or control of the European corn borer," approved February 9, 1927, including all necessary expenses for the purchase of equipment and supplies, travel, employment of persons and means in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, rent outside the District of Columbia, printing, purchase, maintenance, repair, and operation of passenger-carrying vehicles outside the District of Columbia, and for such other expenses as may be necessary for executing the purposes of such Act, there is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$10,000,000, to remain available until June 30, 1928: *Provided,* That no part of this appropriation shall be expended until all the States in the proposed control area shall have provided necessary regulatory legislation and until a sum or sums adequate in the judgment of the Secretary of Agriculture, to the cooperation of all the States in such area shall have been appropriated, subscribed, or contributed by State, county, or local authorities, or individuals or organizations: *Provided further,* That a report shall be made to Congress at the beginning of the first regular session of the Seventieth Congress setting forth in detail a classification of expenditures made from this appropriation prior to November 1, 1927.

European corn borer. Appropriation for expenses for eradicating. *Ante*, p. 1065.

*Proviso.* Subject to legislation, cooperation of States, any money contribution.

Report to Congress.

Approved, February 23, 1927.

**CHAP. 186.**—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War to convey to the Association Siervas de Maria, San Juan, Porto Rico, certain property in the city of San Juan, Porto Rico.

February 23, 1927.

[H. R. 10728.]

[Public, No. 635.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to convey, by appropriate quitclaim deed, to the Association Siervas de Maria, San Juan, Porto Rico, for the sum of \$4,000, which is hereby made available for the construction of noncommissioned officers' quarters on the military reservation at San Juan, Porto Rico, which will replace the quarters now occupied by a noncommissioned officer on the land to be conveyed, the property situated in the city of San Juan, Porto Rico, and described as follows:

San Juan, Porto Rico. Land in, conveyed to Association Siervas de Maria, for construction on the military reservation.

The property located on the top of the old fortifications of San Juan and containing about six thousand square feet, and adjoining the Hospital de la Concepcion: *Provided,* That it be used exclusively for an extension to the present hospital and for no other purposes

Description.

*Proviso.* Use restricted, etc.