CHAP. 266.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the South Carolina and Georgia State highway departments, their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Savannah 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 the South Carolina and Georgia State highway departments, their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Savannah River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near Fureys Ferry on the road between McCormick, South Carolina, and Augusta, Georgia, 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. There is hereby conferred upon the South Carolina and Georgia State highway departments, their successors and assigns, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which such real estate or other property is situated, upon making just compensation therefor, to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property in such State.

Sec. 3. The said South Carolina and Georgia State highway departments, their successors and assigns, are hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge, and the rates of toll so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under the authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

Sec. 4. In fixing the rates of toll to be charged for the use of such bridge the same 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 cost of such bridge and its approaches as soon as possible under reasonable charges, but within a period not to exceed December 31, 1936. After a sinking fund sufficient to pay the cost of constructing 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, repair, maintenance, and operation of the bridge and its approaches. An accurate record of the cost of 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. 5. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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CHAP. 267.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to W. Gilbert Freeman, his successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Saint Lawrence River near Alexandria Bay, New York.

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 W. Gilbert Freeman, his successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and

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approaches thereto across the easterly channel of the Saint Lawrence River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near Collins Landing, in the township of Orleans, Jefferson County, New York, to some suitable and convenient point on Wells Island, and also a bridge and approaches thereto from the westerly side of said Wells Island to Hill Island, sometimes known as La Rue Island, and also a bridge from said Hill Island across or over the westerly or Canadian channel of the Saint Lawrence River to some suitable or convenient point between Brockville and Gananoque, in the Province of Ontario, Dominion of Canada, so far as the United States has jurisdiction over the waters of said Saint Lawrence River, 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 approval of the proper authorities in the Dominion of Canada.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon W. Gilbert Freeman, his successors and assigns, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property in the State of New York needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State of New York, upon making just compensation therefor to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation and expropriation of property in such State.

SEC. 3. The said W. Gilbert Freeman, his successors and assigns, is hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge, and in accordance with any laws of New York applicable thereto, and the rates of tolls so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under the authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

SEC. 4. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act, is hereby granted to W. Gilbert Freeman, his 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. 5. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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CHAP. 268.—An Act To extend the time for constructing a bridge across the Rainy River, approximately midway between the village of Spooner, in the county of Lake of the Woods, State of Minnesota, and the village of Rainy River, Province of Ontario, Canada.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for commencing and completing the construction of the bridge authorized by the Act of Congress, approved March 4, 1925, to be built across the Rainy River, between the village of Spooner, Lake of the Woods County, State of Minnesota, and the village of Rainy River, Province of Ontario, Canada, is hereby extended for two years from the date of approval hereof.

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

Approved, March 2, 1927.