CHAP. 499.—An Act To extend the time for constructing a bridge across the Mississippi River between the city of Anoka, in the county of Anoka, and the village of Champlin, in the county of Hennepin, State of Minnesota.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of the bridge authorized by the Act of Congress approved May 7, 1926, to be built by the highway department of the State of Minnesota across the Mississippi River between the city of Anoka, Anoka County, State of Minnesota, and the village of Champlin, county of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from May 7, 1927.

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

Approved, March 4, 1927.

CHAP. 500.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to enter into a contract to purchase, upon completion, a suitable building for customs and other governmental purposes in the city of New York.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to enter into a contract, on behalf of the United States, to purchase, upon completion, a building to be erected (in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and containing not less than nine hundred and eighty-nine thousand square feet) upon the plot of ground known as block 581, bounded by Varick, King, Hudson, and West Houston Streets, as shown on the land map of the Borough of Manhattan, city of New York, together with such plot of ground. The total cost to the United States of such building and plot of ground shall not exceed $8,000,000. Such building shall be for the use of the United States appraiser of merchandise, United States Customs Court, and other governmental officers in the city of New York; and the Secretary of the Treasury may, if he deems it to the best interests of the Government, lease or sell, upon such terms and conditions as he deems advisable, the premises located at 641 Washington Street, New York City, now occupied by customs officers and other officers of the United States.

Sec. 2. In the event that the Secretary of the Treasury is unable to enter into such contract, he is authorized to acquire such plot by condemnation, as a site for a building for such purposes.

Approved, March 4, 1927.

CHAP. 501.—An Act To provide for appointment as warrant officers of the Regular Army of such persons as would have been eligible therefor but for the interruption of their status, caused by military service rendered by them as commissioned officers during the World War.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is authorized to appoint as warrant officers of the Regular Army any persons whose commissioned service in the Army during the World War, added to their prior service as quartermaster clerk, amounted to twelve years or more of continuous service prior to June 4, 1920, and who were deemed not eligible for appointment as field clerks, Quartermaster Corps, because of the interruption of their twelve years’ requisite service as quartermaster clerks to render com-