

Ante, p. 931.

(7) By striking out "19" in section 22, and inserting in lieu thereof "18".

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[H. R. 7555.]

[Public, No. 566.]

CHAP. 53.—An Act To authorize for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1928, and June 30, 1929, appropriations for carrying out the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act for the promotion of the welfare and hygiene of maternity and infancy, and for other purposes," approved November 23, 1921, and for other purposes.

Maternity and infancy hygiene. Provisions of Act, continued two years. Vol. 42, p. 224, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act for the promotion of the welfare and hygiene of maternity and infancy, and for other purposes," approved November 23, 1921, is amended by striking out the words "for the period of five years" wherever such words appear in such section and inserting in lieu thereof the words "for the period of seven years."

Final termination.

SEC. 2. That said Act entitled "An Act for the promotion of the welfare and hygiene of maternity and infancy, and for other purposes," approved November 23, 1921, shall, after June 30, 1929, be of no force and effect.

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January 22, 1927.

[S. 3992.]

[Public, No. 567.]

CHAP. 54.—An Act To provide for the purchase of land for use in connection with Camp Marfa, Texas.

Army. Purchase of land for Camp Marfa, Tex., authorized. *Post*, p. 1115.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a sum not to exceed \$27,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the acquisition of the fee title to land in the vicinity of and in connection with the present military reservation at Camp Marfa, Texas, and the Secretary of War is hereby empowered and authorized to acquire said land either by purchase or condemnation.

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[S. 1730.]

[Public, No. 568.]

CHAP. 55.—An Act To authorize the payment of indemnity to the Government of Great Britain on account of losses sustained by the owners of the British steamship Mavisbrook as a result of collision between it and the United States transport Carolinian.

Great Britain. Payment authorized to, as collision damages to steamship "Mavisbrook."

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to the Government of Great Britain out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$16,397.26, as full indemnity for the losses sustained by the owners of the British steamship Mavisbrook as a result of a collision between said steamship Mavisbrook and the United States transport Carolinian at or near Brest, France, on or about February 15, 1918.

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[S. 4846.]

[Public, No. 569.]

CHAP. 56.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to Tacony-Palmyra Bridge Company to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Delaware River at Palmyra, New Jersey.

Delaware 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 Tacony-Palmyra Bridge Company, a corporation of the State of New Jersey, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Delaware River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation between Palmyra, county of Burlington, State of New Jersey, and Tacony, in the city of Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, 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.

Tacony-Palmyra Bridge Company may bridge, from Palmyra, N. J., to Tacony, Philadelphia, Pa.

Construction. Vol. 34, p. 84.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon said Tacony-Palmyra Bridge Company, its 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 and terminals, 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 and expropriation of property in such State.

Right to condemn real estate, etc., for location.

Condemnation procedure.

SEC. 3. The said Tacony-Palmyra Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, is 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.

Tolls allowed.

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SEC. 4. After the completion of such bridge, as determined by the Secretary of War, either the State of New Jersey, the State of Pennsylvania, any political subdivision of either of such States, within or adjoining which any part of such bridge is located, or any two or more of them jointly, may at any time acquire and take over all right, title, and interest in such bridge and its approaches, and any interest in real property necessary therefor, by purchase or by condemnation in accordance with the laws of either of such States 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 the same 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 its approaches, less a reasonable deduction for actual depreciation in value, (2) the actual cost of acquiring such interests in real property, (3) actual financing and promotion cost, not to exceed 10 per centum of the sum of the cost of constructing the bridge and its approaches and acquiring such interest in real property, and (4) actual expenditures for necessary improvements.

Acquisition authorized, after completion, by New Jersey, Pennsylvania, etc.

Compensation if acquired by condemnation.

Limitation.

SEC. 5. If such bridge shall be taken over or acquired by the States or political subdivisions thereof as provided in section 4 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, to pay an adequate return on the cost thereof, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the amount paid therefor 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 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 rates of toll shall thereafter be so adjusted as to provide a fund of

Tolls under State, etc., operation.

Rates applied to operation, sinking fund, etc.

Maintenance as free bridge, etc., after amortizing costs.

Record of expenditures and receipts.

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.

Sworn statement of construction costs, etc., to be filed after completion.

SEC. 6. The said Tacony-Palmyra Bridge Company, 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 Tacony-Palmyra Bridge Company, 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.

Investigation by Secretary of War.

Findings of Secretary conclusive.

Right to sell, etc., conferred.

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 said Tacony-Palmyra Bridge Company, 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.

Amendment.

SEC. 8. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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[S. 564.]
[Public, No. 570.]

CHAP. 57.—An Act Confirming in States and Territories title to lands granted by the United States in the aid of common or public schools.

Public lands. Grants to States of common school sections extended to mineral sections.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, subject to the provisions of subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section, the several grants to the States of numbered sections in place for the support or in aid of common or public schools be, and they are hereby, extended to embrace numbered school sections mineral in character, unless land has been granted to and/or selected by and certified or approved, to any such State or States as indemnity or in lieu of any land so granted by numbered sections.

Exceptions.

Titles vested in the States.

(a) That the grant of numbered mineral sections under this Act shall be of the same effect as prior grants for the numbered non-mineral sections, and titles to such numbered mineral sections shall vest in the States at the time and in the manner and be subject to all the rights of adverse parties recognized by existing law in the grants of numbered nonmineral sections.

Existing rights protected.

Mineral rights on sold lands reserved to the States.

(b) That the additional grant made by this Act is upon the express condition that all sales, grants, deeds, or patents for any of the lands so granted shall be subject to and contain a reservation to the State of all the coal and other minerals in the lands so sold, granted, deeded or patented, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same. The coal and other mineral deposits in such lands shall be subject to lease by the State as the State legislature may direct, the proceeds of rentals and royalties therefrom

Leases authorized.