CHAP. 524.—An Act Authorizing the State of Florida, through its highway department, to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Choctawhatchee River, near Freeport, Florida.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the State of Florida, through and by its highway department, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Choctawhatchee River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, east of Freeport, Florida, connecting the counties of Washington and Walton, Florida, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Sec. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the State of Florida, through its highway department, all such rights and powers to enter upon land 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 for public purposes in such State.

Sec. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, June 18, 1930.

CHAP. 525.—An Act To provide for the reconstruction of the Army and Navy Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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 and directed to raze such part of the existing hospital buildings in the reservation of the Army and Navy General Hospital, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, as may be desirable and proper to make room for the construction of another hospital, and thereafter to construct upon said ground such additional unit of said Army and Navy General Hospital, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and for said purpose there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of $450,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 2. All funds expended for the construction or reconstruction of hospital buildings and facilities on said Army and Navy General Hospital Reservation, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, authorized by this or any other Act, shall be so expended under supervision of the Secretary of War, and the said hospital shall remain under the jurisdiction and control of the War Department: Provided, That the exterior design of said hospital shall be approved by the National Park Service.

Approved, June 18, 1930.