

be subject to the conditions and limitations of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, other than those requiring approval of plans by the Secretary of War and Chief of Engineers before the bridge is commenced.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 25, 1931.

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Amendment.

CHAP. 301.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with certain public works at the United States Naval Hospital, Washington, District of Columbia.

February 25, 1931.
[H. R. 9676.]
[Public, No. 732.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to replace, remodel, or extend existing structures and to construct additional buildings, with the utilities, accessories, and appurtenances pertaining thereto, at the United States Naval Hospital, Washington, District of Columbia, at a cost not to exceed \$3,200,000, of which \$100,000 shall be charged to the naval hospital fund: *Provided,* That the construction herein authorized shall be subject to the approval of the Public Building Commission under the authority of section 6 of the Public Buildings Act of May 25, 1926, to the same extent as other public building construction in the District of Columbia, and the plans for such construction shall be submitted to the Fine Arts Commission for advice.

Naval Hospital,
Washington, D. C.
Replacement, etc.,
of, authorized.

Limit of cost.
Proviso.
Approval of Public
Building Commission.

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Plans to Fine Arts
Commission.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to employ, when deemed by him desirable or advantageous, by contract or otherwise, outside professional or technical services of persons, firms, or corporations, to such extent as he may require for the purposes of this Act, without reference to the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, or to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, in addition to employees otherwise authorized and expenditures for such purpose shall be made from the naval hospital fund.

Outside professional,
etc., services author-
ized.

Approved, February 25, 1931.

CHAP. 302.—An Act To provide for the transportation of school children in the District of Columbia at a reduced fare.

February 25, 1931.
[H. R. 12571.]
[Public, No. 733.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Public Utilities Commission of the District of Columbia is hereby empowered and directed to fix reduced fares for school children not over eighteen years of age, going to and from school on street railway and bus lines in the District of Columbia, under such reasonable rules and regulations as the commission may establish: *Provided,* That such reduced fares shall not exceed three cents.

District of Columbia.
Reduced fares on
street railways, etc.,
for school children in.

Proviso.
Not to exceed three
cents.

Approved, February 25, 1931.

CHAP. 303.—Joint Resolution To change the name of B Street northwest in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

February 25, 1931.
[H. J. Res. 404.]
[Pub. Res., No. 123.]

Whereas one of the important results of the completion of the work, now in progress, of carrying out the plans of the National Government for public improvements in the District of Columbia, will be a widened B Street northwest, approximately two miles long, from the Capitol Grounds to Arlington Memorial Bridge; and

District of Columbia.
Preamble.

Whereas this street, bordered by stately public buildings and by the beautiful Mall and Parkway, within which are the Nation's monument to George Washington, and memorial to Abraham Lincoln, will be one of the most impressive thoroughfares in the world; and Whereas a street thus connecting the Capital with the Memorial Bridge leading over the Potomac River to Arlington National Cemetery, formerly the home estate of Robert E. Lee, and to the Washington Memorial Highway which ends at Mount Vernon—a street so rich in historical association and destined during the centuries to behold countless processions of American patriots and millions of liberty-loving men, women, and children, wending their way to Arlington and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier—should have a name in keeping with its character, a name of dignity and beauty and profound significance; and

Whereas the Constitution of the United States of America, "the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and the purpose of man," is the mighty instrument which made the land of Washington and Lincoln and Lee "An indissoluble union of indestructible States" from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, from the Atlantic Ocean to the golden shores of the Pacific, the grandest home that Freedom ever knew, under the freest government the world has ever seen: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in honor of the Constitution of the United States of America, the thoroughfare now known as B Street northwest, in the District of Columbia, and as it may at any time be extended, widened, or otherwise changed, shall hereafter bear the name "Constitution Avenue."

That in honor of the State of Louisiana and that territory comprised in the "Louisiana Purchase" from which thirteen other sovereign States of this Union, in whole or in part, were carved, the thoroughfare running from the Union Station Plaza, crossing North Capitol Street and New Jersey and Indiana Avenues and running into Pennsylvania Avenue, shall hereafter bear the name "Louisiana Avenue."

That the portion of the avenue now known as "Louisiana Avenue," not absorbed by the enlarging of the park and plan system of the Planning Commission, shall no longer be known as "Louisiana Avenue."

Approved, February 25, 1931.

February 26, 1931.

[S. 6649.]

[Public, No. 734.]

CHAP. 305.—An Act For the relief of the State of Alabama.

Alabama.
Accountability of, for
Federal property lost,
etc., during March,
1929, terminated.

U. S. C., p. 1037.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the State of Alabama be, and is hereby, relieved from all responsibility and accountability for certain quartermaster and ordnance property to the approximate value of \$1,098.29, the property of the War Department, which was lost, destroyed, or used for flood-relief work incident to the Elba (Alabama) flood of March, 1929, while in the possession of the Alabama National Guard; and the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to terminate all further accountability for said property.

Approved, February 26, 1931.

Changes in names of
designated streets, etc.

Constitution Ave-
nue, formerly B Street.

Louisiana Avenue.
New location.

Present, vacated.