[CHAPTER 43.]

AN ACT

May 29, 1933.

To authorize the Comptroller General to allow claim of district numbered 13, Choctaw County, Oklahoma, for payment of tuition for Indian pupils.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Comptroller General is hereby authorized and directed to allow payment of claims of the public school district numbered 13, Choctaw County, Oklahoma, for tuition of Indian pupils during the fiscal year 1931, in the sum not to exceed $3,435.61 from the appropriation entitled “Indian Schools, Five Civilized Tribes, Oklahoma, 1931.”

Approved, May 29, 1933.

[CHAPTER 44.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

May 29, 1933.

[HR Res. 159.]

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Granting the consent of Congress to a compact or agreement between the State of Kansas and the State of Missouri authorizing the acceptance for and on behalf of the States of Kansas and Missouri of title to a toll bridge across the Missouri River from a point in Platte County, Missouri, to a point at or near Kansas City, in Wyandotte County, Kansas, and specifying the conditions thereof.

Whereas by an Act of Congress approved May 22, 1928, a franchise was granted to the Interstate Bridge Company for the construction of a toll bridge across the Missouri River at or near Kansas City, Kansas, which has been extended by the Acts of March 2, 1929, and June 30, 1930, and which is now owned by the Regional Bridge Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, as assignee of the Interstate Bridge Company; and

Whereas authority has been granted the State Highway Commission of Kansas by an act of the Legislature of the State of Kansas, approved March 24, 1933, and published in the official State paper on March 27, 1933, and to the State Highway Commission of Missouri by an identical act, mutatis mutandis, of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, approved April 17, 1933, to include in the highway systems of the respective States of Kansas and Missouri any toll bridge across any river forming a common boundary between the two States; to join in entering into contracts with the owner of any such toll bridge and with the holders of any bonds issued in connection with the construction of such bridge, by the terms of which the State Highway Commissions of Kansas and Missouri shall maintain, operate, and insure such bridge, and fix and collect and apply tolls thereon, and shall construct, maintain, and operate as free State highways, approaches thereto, and shall make and treat as part of the highway system of their respective States such entire bridge and any part of such approaches lying within their respective States; and to accept conveyance of title to and ownership of any such bridge or part thereof situated within their respective States, subject to any encumbrance against any such bridge and pledge of its tolls previously executed; and

Whereas Regional Bridge Company has obtained an agreement from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation of the United States to aid in financing the construction of a bridge under the franchise granted by the Act of May 22, 1928, and extensions thereof, under authority of the Act of Congress known as the “Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932”, by purchasing at par the bonds of Regional Bridge Company, secured by mortgage on such bridge,
in the amount of $600,000, upon condition that certain require-
ments be met and agreed to by the States of Kansas and Missouri; and

Whereas the Legislature of the State of Kansas and the General
Assembly of the State of Missouri, to make effective the acts of
their respective legislative bodies herein cited and to meet the
requirements imposed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation
have each adopted the following resolution:

Whereas Regional Bridge Company, a corporation organized and
existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, is the owner and
holder of a franchise granted by the Congress of the United
States to construct (according to plans approved by the War
Department of the United States), maintain, and operate a toll
bridge across the Missouri River from a point at or near Kansas
City in Wyandotte County, Kansas, to a point in Platte County,
Missouri; and

Whereas Regional Bridge Company desires to commence the con-
struction of such bridge, as soon as the same is fully financed;
and

Whereas Reconstruction Finance Corporation of the United States
has agreed with Regional Bridge Company to aid in financing the
construction of such bridge, under authority of the Act of Con-
gress known as the "Emergency Relief and Construction Act of
1932", by purchasing at par the bonds of Regional Bridge Com-
pany, secured by mortgage on such bridge, in the amount of
$600,000; but

Whereas Reconstruction Finance Corporation has imposed certain
requirements, to be met and agreed to by the States of Missouri
and Kansas, as conditions precedent to its purchase of such bonds;
and

Whereas inasmuch as such bridge will form an important link in and
improvement to the highway systems of the States of Missouri and
Kansas, and will be of benefit and advantage to the citizens
of both, and the public, and inasmuch as Regional Bridge Com-
pany, by resolution duly passed by the unanimous vote of its
stockholders, has agreed to transfer and convey such bridge, free
of cost, to the State Highway Commissions of Missouri and
of Kansas, on behalf of such States of Missouri and Kansas,
jointly, such conveyance to be made as soon as such mortgage
shall have been properly recorded in both Missouri and Kansas,
subject to the right of and duty upon Regional Bridge Company
fully to complete the construction of such bridge, it is to the
interest and benefit of the States of Missouri and Kansas, and the
citizens of both, that the States of Missouri and Kansas meet
and agree to the requirements of the Reconstruction Finance
Corporation, as conditions precedent to the purchase of such
bonds: Now, therefore

In consideration of the benefits and advantages accruing to the
States of Missouri and Kansas, and the citizens of both, and in
consideration of the adoption of this resolution by both the States
of Missouri and Kansas, the States of Missouri and Kansas, hereby
enter into the following compact and agreement:

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House
of Representatives agreeing thereto:

SECTION 1. Regional Bridge Company, its successors and assigns,
shall be, and it is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and
operate such bridge across the Missouri River from a point at or
near Kansas City, in Wyandotte County, Kansas, to a point in
Platte County, Missouri, according to plans approved by the War
Department of the United States; and the said States hereby authorize Regional Bridge Company to enter upon and use for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating such bridge all necessary lands under water belonging to said States, and the fee to any lands so used shall upon such use be vested in such Regional Bridge Company:

Sec. 2. The State Highway Commission of Missouri and the State Highway Commission of Kansas shall be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to accept, when tendered by Regional Bridge Company, conveyance of such bridge and franchise therefor to such State Highway Commission jointly, on behalf of the States of Missouri and Kansas. Such conveyance shall not be in assumption of such mortgage, but shall expressly be subject to such mortgage, and to the right and duty upon Regional Bridge Company fully to complete the construction of such bridge.

Sec. 3. The State Highway Commission of Missouri and the State Highway Commission of Kansas shall be, and they, and each of them, hereby are, authorized to maintain, operate, and insure such bridge and to fix and collect tolls thereon and apply such tolls, and to enter into any and all contracts with said Reconstruction Finance Corporation or any other party or parties considered by said highway commissions, or either of them, to be necessary or expedient for or in connection with the proper maintenance, operation, and insurance of such bridge and such fixing, collection, and application of tolls thereon, and to incur joint and several obligations under such contracts; and to construct and maintain, and to enter into any contracts, severally, with said Reconstruction Finance Corporation or any other party or parties, considered by said highway commissions or either of them to be necessary or expedient, for or in connection with the construction and maintenance of approaches to such bridge and roadways leading thereto, lying within their respective States. And said highway commissions, and each of them, are further authorized to make and treat as a part of the State highway system of their respective States the entire such bridge and that portion of the approaches thereto lying within their respective States, and to enter into contracts with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation or any other party or parties in respect thereto.

Sec. 4. Neither the State of Kansas nor the State of Missouri, nor any department or political subdivision thereof, shall construct or cause to be constructed, or grant any right, privilege, or franchise for the construction of, any bridge, ferry, tunnel, or other competing facility across or under the Missouri River within a distance of five miles from said bridge, measured along the meanderings of the thread of the stream of the Missouri River, until the construction costs of said bridge, with interest thereon, shall have been fully paid.

Sec. 5. To the faithful observance of this compact and agreement the States of Missouri and Kansas, by the adoption of this resolution, each pledges its good faith.

Sec. 6. This compact and agreement shall be in force and take effect from and after its adoption by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, and approval by the Governor of Missouri, and its adoption by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, and approval by the Governor of Kansas, and publication in the official State paper of the State of Kansas, and upon its receiving the consent and approval of the Congress of the United States.

Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby given to the aforesaid compact or agreement and

Acceptance by Kansas and Missouri.

Subject to mortgage.

Maintenance and operation.

Collection of tolls.

Contracts with Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Bridge to be part of road systems of respective States.

Right to construct other bridges denied.

Pledge of good faith.

When agreement effective.
to each and every term and provision thereof, and to all agreements to be made pursuant thereto by and between the said States or any agencies, commissions, or public or municipal bodies thereof: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect, impair, or diminish any right, power, or jurisdiction of the United States or of any court, department, board, bureau, officer, or official of the United States, over or in regard to any navigable waters, or any commerce between the States or with foreign countries, or any bridge, railroad highway, pier, wharf, or other facility or improvement, or any other person, matter, or thing, forming the subject matter of the aforesaid compact or agreement or otherwise affected by the terms thereof: And provided further, That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this resolution or any part thereof is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, May 29, 1933.

[CHAPTER 45.]

AN ACT

To authorize appropriations to pay in part the liability of the United States to the Indian pueblos herein named, under the terms of the Act of June 7, 1924, and the liability of the United States to non-Indian claimants on Indian pueblo grants whose claims, extinguished under the Act of June 7, 1924, have been found by the Pueblo Lands Board to have been claims in good faith; to authorize the expenditure by the Secretary of the Interior of the sums herein authorized and of sums heretofore appropriated, in conformity with the Act of June 7, 1924, for the purchase of needed lands and water rights and the creation of other permanent economic improvements as contemplated by said Act; to provide for the protection of the watershed within the Carson National Forest for the Pueblo de Taos Indians of New Mexico and others interested, and to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to contract relating thereto and to amend the Act approved June 7, 1924, in certain respects.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in fulfillment of the Act of June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 636), there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury liable to pueblos not otherwise appropriated, the sums hereinafter set forth, in compensation to the several Indian pueblos hereinafter named, in payment of the liability of the United States to the said pueblos as declared by the Act of June 7, 1924, which appropriations shall be made in equal annual installments as hereinafter specified, and shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States and shall be expended by the Secretary of the Interior, subject to approval of the governing authorities of each pueblo in question, at such times and in such amounts as he may deem wise and proper; for the purchase of lands and water rights to replace those which have been divested from said pueblo under the Act of June 7, 1924, or for the purchase or construction of reservoirs, irrigation works, or other permanent improvements upon or for the benefit of the lands of said pueblos.

Sec. 2. In addition to the awards made by the Pueblo Lands Board, the following sums, to be used as directed in section 1 of this Act, and in conformity with the Act of June 7, 1924, be, and hereby are, authorized to be appropriated:

Pueblo of Jemez, $1,885; pueblo of Nambe, $47,439.50; pueblo of Taos, $84,707.09; pueblo of Santa Ana, $2,908.35; pueblo of Santo Domingo, $4,256.56; pueblo of Sandia, $12,980.62; pueblo of San Felipe, $14,954.53; pueblo of Isleta, $47,751.31; pueblo of Picuris, $66,574.40; pueblo of San Ildefonso, $37,058.28; pueblo of San Juan, $153,863.04; pueblo of Santa Clara, $181,114.19; pueblo of Cochiti, $37,826.37; pueblo of Pojoaque, $68,562.61; in all, $761,954.88.