[CHAPTER 173.]

AN ACT

Authorizing the State of Illinois and the State of Missouri to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Mississippi River between Kaskaskia Island, Illinois, and Saint Marys, Missouri.

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 Illinois and the State of Missouri be, and are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, between Kaskaskia Island, Illinois, and Saint Marys, Missouri, 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 Illinois and the State of Missouri 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 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 4, 1935.

[CHAPTER 174.]

AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Rio Grande at or near Boca Chica, Texas.

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 a bridge across the Rio Grande, at or near Boca Chica, Texas, authorized to be built by the Boca Chica Bridge Company, by an Act of Congress approved June 10, 1932, heretofore extended by Acts of Congress approved March 1, 1933, and June 19, 1934, are hereby further extended two and four years, respectively, from June 19, 1935.

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

Approved, June 4, 1935.

[CHAPTER 175.]

AN ACT

To authorize the assignment of officers of the line of the Navy for aeronautical engineering duty only, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That officers of the line of the Navy, upon application, and with the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, may be designated for the performance of aeronautical engineering duty only. The President of the United States is hereby authorized, by and with the advice and consent of
Transfer of Construction Corps officers.

Rank and precedence.

To be carried as additional numbers.

Existing provisions to govern.

the Senate, to transfer and appoint officers of the Construction Corps of the Navy who are applicants to the corresponding rank and grade in the line of the Navy for the performance of aeronautical engineering duty only. Each officer of the Construction Corps so transferred and appointed shall have the lineal position and precedence in the line which he would have held had he remained in the line or had his original appointment been in the line except that no officer shall have his existing relative rank, precedence, or seniority in the Construction Corps altered by such transfer. Any officer of the Construction Corps so transferred and appointed and any line officer designated for the performance of aeronautical engineering duty only shall be carried as an additional number in the grade in which he is serving, and to which he may hereafter be promoted, and, except as otherwise provided in this Act, the performance of duty, succession to command, selection for promotion, examination for promotion, promotion, and retirement of such officers shall be governed by the provisions of existing law and of laws hereafter enacted relating to line officers assigned to engineering duty only.

Approved, June 5, 1935.

[CHAPTER 176.]

AN ACT

To authorize the coinage of 50-cent pieces in connection with the Cabeza de Vaca Expedition and the opening of the Old Spanish Trail.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That to indicate the interest of the Government of the United States in commemorating the four hundredth anniversary of the Expedition of Cabeza de Vaca and the opening of the Old Spanish Trail, there shall be coined by the Director of the Mint silver 50-cent pieces to the number of not more than ten thousand, of standard weight and fineness and of a special appropriate design to be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, but the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the models for master dies or other preparations for this coinage.

Sec. 2. That the coins herein authorized shall be issued at par and only upon the request of the chairman of the El Paso Museum Committee.

Sec. 3. Such coins may be disposed of at par or at a premium by said committee and all proceeds shall be used in furtherance of the El Paso Museum.

Sec. 4. That all laws now in force relating to the subsidiary silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same; regulating and guarding the process of coinage; providing for the purchase of material, and for the transportation, distribution, and redemption of the coins; for the prevention of debasement or counterfeiting; for security of the coin; or for any other purposes, whether said laws are penal or otherwise, shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coinage herein directed.

Approved, June 5, 1935.