SEC. 5. The right to assign the powers and privileges conferred by this Act by mortgage for the purpose of financing the construction of such bridge is hereby granted to the county of Knox, State of Nebraska, and any person or corporation who shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the rights, powers, and privileges herein granted, to the same extent and as fully as though conferred directly upon such person or corporation, until such time as there shall have been recovered through the toll system an amount equal to the purchase price of such bridge and its approaches together with annual interest on the unpaid amount of such purchase price and the annual costs of maintenance, repair, and operation of such bridge during such period. Such bridge shall thereafter revert to and be maintained and operated by the county of Knox, State of Nebraska, free of tolls.

SEC. 6. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, June 8, 1940.

[CHAPTER 288]

AN ACT

To authorize the county of Burt, State of Nebraska, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Missouri River at or near Decatur, Nebraska.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to promote interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the county of Burt, State of Nebraska, be, and it is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near Decatur, Nebraska, and to a place at or near Onawa, Iowa, 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.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the said county of Burt, State of Nebraska, 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, maintenance, and operation 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 said county of Burt, State of Nebraska, 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.

SEC. 4. In fixing the rates of toll to be charged for the use of such bridge, the same shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay for the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches under economical management, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of such bridge and its approaches, including reasonable interest and financing cost, as soon as possible, under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed twenty years from the completion thereof.
After a sinking fund sufficient for amortization shall have been so provided, said bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls. An accurate record of the cost of the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same, and the daily tolls collected shall be kept and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

SEC. 5. The right to assign the powers and privileges conferred by this Act by mortgage for the purpose of financing the construction of such bridge is hereby granted to the county of Burt, State of Nebraska, and any person or corporation who shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the rights, powers, and privileges herein granted, to the same extent and as fully as though conferred directly upon such person or corporation, until such time as there shall have been recovered through the toll system an amount equal to the purchase price of such bridge and its approaches together with annual interest on the unpaid amount of such purchase price and the annual costs of maintenance, repair, and operation of such bridge during such period. Such bridge shall thereafter revert to and be maintained and operated by the county of Burt, State of Nebraska, free of tolls.

SEC. 6. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, June 8, 1940.

[CHAPTER 289]
AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Petersburg, Missouri.

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 Missouri River, at or near Petersburg, Missouri, authorized to be built by the county of Howard, Missouri, by an Act of Congress approved August 7, 1939, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from August 7, 1940.

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

Approved, June 8, 1940.

[CHAPTER 290]
AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant to the county of Wayne, State of Michigan, an easement over certain land of the United States in Wayne County, Michigan, for a sewage-disposal line.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to grant to the county of Wayne, State of Michigan, an easement over a twenty-foot strip of land situated along the Middle Branch of the Rouge River on the southeasterly side thereof across fisheries station property in the east half of the northeast quarter of section 9, township 1 south, range 8 east, Northville Township, Wayne County, Michigan, for the purpose of maintaining a sewer and sewage facilities thereon.

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