the Social Security Board shall not begin to withhold from certification to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment to such State the amounts determined by it pursuant to section 302 of the Social Security Act and to certify to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment into the railroad unemployment insurance account the amount so withheld from such State until July 1, 1942, and then only if the Social Security Board finds that such State had not prior thereto effectively authorized and directed the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer from such State’s account in the Unemployment Trust Fund to the railroad unemployment insurance account amounts equal to such State’s ‘preliminary amount’ and ‘liquidating amount’ less such parts thereof, if any, as the State may have, within the periods set forth in the provisos contained in the first two paragraphs of this subsection, effectively authorized and directed the Secretary of the Treasury so to transfer, plus interest on such difference, if any, with respect to each amount at 2\(\frac{1}{2}\) per centum per annum from the date the State’s ‘preliminary amount’ or ‘liquidating amount’, as the case may be, is determined by the Social Security Board; and with respect to any such State the amount withheld shall equal the State’s ‘preliminary amount’ and ‘liquidating amount’ less such parts thereof, if any, as the State may have, within the periods set forth in the provisos contained in the first two paragraphs of this subsection effectively authorized and directed the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer, plus interest from July 1, 1939, at 2\(\frac{1}{2}\) per centum per annum on so much of the ‘preliminary amount’ and ‘liquidating amount’, as the case may be, as has not been so transferred or has not been used as the measure for withholding."

Approved, July 2, 1940.

[CHAPTER 548]

AN ACT

Relating to rentals in certain oil and gas leases issued under authority of the Act of February 25, 1920, as amended, and for other purposes.

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, in the case of lands not within any known geologic structure of a productive oil or gas field, shall waive the rentals stipulated in oil and gas leases issued pursuant to section 17 of the Act of February 25, 1920, as amended by the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 674), for the second and third lease years, unless a valuable deposit of oil or gas be sooner discovered.

Approved, July 8, 1940.

[CHAPTER 549]

AN ACT

Authorizing Alabama Bridge Commission (an agency of the State of Alabama) to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge and causeway between Dauphin Island and the mainland at or near Cedar Point, within the State of Alabama.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Alabama Bridge Commission (an agency of the State of Alabama), its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge and causeway and approaches thereto at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, between Dauphin Island and the mainland at or near Cedar Point, within the State of Alabama, in accordance with the provisions of an Act
entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, subject to the exemptions provided in section 1 of the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 670): *Provided,* That when the period during which the Alabama Bridge Commission is authorized to operate and maintain such bridge for toll, pursuant to Act Numbered 550, General and Local Laws of Alabama, 1939, approved September 22, 1939, has been completed the bridge shall be operated free of toll.

Sec. 2. Public Law Numbered 292, Seventy-sixth Congress, approved July 26, 1939, is hereby repealed.

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

Approved, July 8, 1940.

[CHAPTER 550]

AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Arrow Rock, 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 Arrow Rock, Missouri, authorized to be built by the Saint Louis-Kansas City Short Line Railroad Company by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, heretofore extended by Acts of Congress approved April 15, 1932, August 30, 1935, and May 24, 1937, are hereby further extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of approval thereof.

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

Approved, July 8, 1940.

[CHAPTER 551]

AN ACT

To defray the cost of returning to the United States the remains, families, and effects of officers and employees dying abroad, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in case any civilian officer or employee of the United States dies (1) while in a travel status away from his official station in the United States or (2) while performing official duties in a Territory or possession of the United States or in a foreign country or in transit thereto or therefrom, the head of the department, independent establishment, agency, or federally owned or controlled corporation, hereinafter called department, in the service of which such officer or employee was engaged, is hereby authorized, under regulations to be prescribed by the President and except as otherwise provided by law, to pay from the appropriation available for the activity in which he was engaged—

(a) In case of the death of the officer or employee in such travel status in the United States, or in the case of the death of the officer or employee while performing official duties in a Territory or possession of the United States or in a foreign country or in transit thereto or therefrom, the expenses of preparing and transporting the remains of such officer or employee to his home or official station or such other place as the head of the department concerned shall determine to be the appropriate place of interment.