construction Finance Corporation to the Treasury in like amount as of
the same date.

SEC. 6. The right, title, and interest in any lands, together with the
improvements constructed thereon, which are conveyed pursuant to
the authority granted by section 5 hereof, shall revert to the United
States upon a written finding made by the President prior to July 1,
1963, that the property is needed by the United States in connection
with a national defense emergency.

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[CHAPTER 689]

AN ACT

To authorize the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to convey a certain tract of
land in the State of Arkansas to Washington County, Arkansas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administra-
tor of Veterans' Affairs is authorized and directed subject to such terms
and conditions as the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs may prescribe,
to convey by quitclaim deed to Washington County, Arkansas, without
consideration, the following-described tract of land, which is a part
of the lands of the Veterans' Administration hospital, Fayetteville,
Washington County, Arkansas:

A part of the southeast quarter of northeast quarter of section 9 and
a part of the southwest quarter of northwest quarter of section 10, town-
ship 16 north, range 30 west, fifth principal meridian, more particularly
described as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of southeast
quarter of northeast quarter of said section 9, running thence north
two hundred feet; thence east five hundred and thirty feet; thence
north fifty degrees eighteen minutes east two hundred and thirty-four
and eighty-three one-hundredths feet; thence east seven hundred and
forty-four and seventeen one-hundredths feet to the center of said
United States Highway Numbered 71; thence south two degrees two
minutes west along center of said United States Highway Numbered
71 three hundred and fifty and twenty-four one-hundredths feet; thence
west one thousand four hundred and forty-two and forty one-hun-
dredths feet to the place of beginning, containing nine and eighty
one-hundredths acres.

The deed shall reserve to the United States all interest in and to any
oil, mineral, or fissionable material in said land, and shall provide for
reversion to the United States if the land ceases to be used for hospital
purposes.

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[CHAPTER 690]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of State to perform certain consular-type functions
within the United States and its Territories and possessions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That, until such
time as the President shall determine and proclaim that a German
Government capable of representing its own nationals in the United
States and its Territories and possessions has been established, and
under such regulations as the Secretary of State may prescribe, the
Department of State is authorized to perform consular functions for
German nationals within the United States and its Territories and
possessions, and to collect fees and make charges for services rendered:
 Appropriation authorized.

Provided, That any money so received shall be deposited and covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

Sec. 2. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of State, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

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[CHAPTER 691]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Hidalgo Bridge Company, its heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a railroad toll bridge across the Rio Grande, at or near Hidalgo, Texas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate international commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the Hidalgo Bridge Company, its heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a railroad toll bridge and originally designed approaches thereto across the Rio Grande, so far as the United States has jurisdiction over the waters of such river, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Hidalgo, Texas, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act, and subject further to the approval of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, and also subject to the approval of the proper authorities in the Republic of Mexico to the construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge: Provided, That the construction of the bridge herein authorized shall not be undertaken until after an agreement regarding such construction shall have been effected between the Government of the United States and the Government of the United Mexican States.

Sec. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the Hidalgo Bridge Company, its heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property in the State of Texas needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its originally designed approaches, as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes, upon making just compensation therefor to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State of Texas.

Tolls, etc.

Sec. 3. The said Hidalgo Bridge Company, its heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, is hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge in accordance with any laws of the State of Texas applicable thereto, 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. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act to any public agency, or to an international bridge authority or commission, is hereby granted to the Hidalgo Bridge Company, its heirs, or legal representatives; and any such public agency, international bridge authority, or international bridge commission to which such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or which shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such public agency, international bridge authority, or international bridge commission.