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fourth ward of the parish of Washington, State of Louisiana, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from date of approval hereof.

Amendment.

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

Approved, November 7, 1918.

November 7, 1918.
[H. R. 12631.]

[Public, No. 237.]

CHAP. 206.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the county of Winnebago, in the State of Illinois, and the town of Rockford, in said county and State, to construct a bridge across Rock River, at or near Camp Grant.

Rock River,
Winnebago County
and Rockford may
bridge, Camp Grant,
Ill.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the county of Winnebago, in the State of Illinois, and the town of Rockford, in said county and State, and their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Rock River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Camp Grant, in the county of Winnebago, in the State of Illinois, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Construction.
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Amendment.

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

Approved, November 7, 1918.

November 7, 1918.
[H. R. 12773.]

[Public, No. 238.]

CHAP. 207.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Little Calumet River, in Cook County, State of Illinois, at or near the village of Riverdale, in said county.

Little Calumet
River.
Illinois Central Rail-
road Company may
bridge, Riverdale, Ill.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Illinois Central Railroad Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Little Calumet River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near the village of Riverdale, in Cook County, Illinois, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Construction.
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Amendment.

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

Approved, November 7, 1918.

November 7, 1918.
[H. R. 13036.]

[Public, No. 239.]

CHAP. 208.—An Act Transferring jurisdiction and control for the period of the war over the Southern Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers from the board of managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers to the Secretary of War for use for Army hospital purposes.

Hampton, Va., Vol-
unteer Soldiers' Home.
Transferred to War
Department during the
war.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction and control over the Southern Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, located at Hampton, Virginia, be, and the same hereby is, transferred for the period of the war from the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers to the Secretary of War for use by the Medical Department of the Army for hospital purposes.

SEC. 2. That upon the close of the war or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, the Secretary of War shall cause said home to be vacated by the Medical Department of the Army, and thereupon jurisdiction and control over said home shall revert to said Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

Reversion.

SEC. 3. That the various items of appropriations heretofore or hereafter made for the support, maintenance, and other necessary expenses of said Southern Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, be, and they hereby are, made available for payment of the cost of the transfer of the members of said home to other branches of the national home, and for the transfer of any property found to be necessary to transfer therefrom to other branches of the national home and for the support of the branches to which said members are transferred to the extent of the allotments thereof made by the said board of managers in consideration of and in the amount of an extra expense incurred by reason of said transfers and for the retransfer from said branches to said Southern Branch of the persons and property transferred as aforesaid at such time as jurisdiction and control over said Southern Branch shall be reinvested in said board of managers in accordance with the provisions of section two of this Act.

Transfer of members to other branches.

Support, etc.

Retransfer.

Approved, November 7, 1918.

CHAP. 209.—An Act To provide for the consolidation of national banking associations.

November 7, 1918.
[H. R. 10205.]

[Public, No. 240.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any two or more national banking associations located within the same county, city, town, or village may, with the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency, consolidate into one association under the charter of either existing banks, on such terms and conditions as may be lawfully agreed upon by a majority of the board of directors of each association proposing to consolidate, and be ratified and confirmed by the affirmative vote of the shareholders of each such association owning at least two-thirds of its capital stock outstanding, at a meeting to be held on the call of the directors after publishing notice of the time, place, and object of the meeting for four consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in the place where the said association is located, and if no newspaper is published in the place, then in a paper published nearest thereto, and after sending such notice to each shareholder of record by registered mail at least ten days prior to said meeting: *Provided,* That the capital stock of such consolidated association shall not be less than that required under existing law for the organization of a national bank in the place in which it is located: *And provided further,* That when such consolidation shall have been effected and approved by the comptroller any shareholder of either of the associations so consolidated who has not voted for such consolidation may give notice to the directors of the association in which he is interested within twenty days from the date of the certificate of approval of the comptroller that he dissents from the plan of consolidation as adopted and approved, whereupon he shall be entitled to receive the value of the shares so held by him, to be ascertained by an appraisal made by a committee of three persons, one to be selected by the shareholder, one by the directors, and the third by the two so chosen; and in case the value so fixed shall not be satisfactory to the shareholder he may within five days after being notified of the appraisal appeal to the Comptroller of the Currency, who shall cause a reappraisal to be made, which shall be

National banks.
Consolidation of two or more into one association allowed.*Provided.*
Capital requirement.

Payment of shares of dissenting shareholder.

Procedure.