

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.

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

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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.

final and binding; and if said reappraisal shall exceed the value fixed by said committee, the bank shall pay the expenses of the reappraisal; otherwise the appellant shall pay said expenses, and the value so ascertained and determined shall be deemed to be a debt due and be forthwith paid to said shareholder from said bank, and the share so paid shall be surrendered and after due notice sold at public auction within thirty days after the final appraisement provided for in this Act.

Outstanding circulation.

Rights, franchises, etc., vested in consolidated bank.

SEC. 2. That associations consolidating with another association under the provisions of this Act shall not be required to deposit lawful money for their outstanding circulation, but their assets and liabilities shall be reported by the association with which they have consolidated. And all the rights, franchises, and interests of the said national bank so consolidated in and to every species of property, personal and mixed, and choses in action thereto belonging, shall be deemed to be transferred to and vested in such national bank into which it is consolidated without any deed or other transfer, and the said consolidated national bank shall hold and enjoy the same and all rights of property, franchises, and interests in the same manner and to the same extent as was held and enjoyed by the national bank so consolidated therewith.

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November 21, 1918.
[H. R. 282.]

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CHAP. 210.—An Act Amending the public buildings Act approved March fourth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, providing for the purchase of a site for a public building at Nogales, Arizona.

Nogales, Ariz.
Building authorized for customhouse, post office, etc.

Vol. 37, p. 873.

Vol. 37, p. 877.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of section four of the public buildings Act approved March fourth, nineteen hundred and thirteen (Thirty-seventh Statutes, page eight hundred and seventy-three), as authorizes the acquisition of a site and the erection of a suitable building thereon for the United States customhouse at Nogales, Arizona, at a cost not exceeding \$110,000, and so much of section five of said Act (Thirty-seventh Statutes, page eight hundred and seventy-seven) as authorizes the acquisition of a site for the United States post office and other Government offices at Nogales, Arizona, at a cost not exceeding \$10,000, be, and the same are hereby, amended so as to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Treasury to acquire, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, one site and to erect thereon one building for the accommodation of the United States post office, customhouse, and other Government offices in Nogales, Arizona, at a cost not exceeding \$120,000, of which limit of cost not exceeding \$15,000 shall be expended for such site; and that the appropriation of \$16,000 made by the Act of Congress approved July twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and fourteen (Thirty-eighth Statutes, page five hundred and sixty-three), in pursuance of said authorization of March fourth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, for a site and building for said customhouse, be, and the same is hereby, made available for the acquisition of the site and the commencement of the erection of the building hereinbefore authorized for said post office and customhouse.

Approved, November 21, 1918.

Cost of site.
Former appropriation available.

Vol. 38, p. 563.

November 21, 1918.
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[Public, No. 242.]

CHAP. 211.—An Act To authorize the county of Loudon, in the State of Tennessee, to construct a bridge across the Tennessee River near Loudon, Tennessee.

Tennessee River.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county of Loudon,