

May 22, 1917.  
[H. R. 2337.]

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**CHAP. 18.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled “An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes,” relative to enrollments in the Naval Reserve Force.

Naval Reserve Force.  
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amended.

Insular possessions.

Enrollment of  
friendly aliens apply-  
ing for citizenship.

Admission to citizen-  
ship without shore resi-  
dence.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act entitled “An Act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes,” approved August twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding after the proviso under the heading “Naval Reserve Force,” which reads as follows: “*Provided*, That citizens of the insular possessions of the United States may enroll in the Naval Auxiliary Reserve,” a further proviso as follows: *Provided further*, That such persons who are not citizens of the United States, but who have or shall have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States, and who are citizens of countries which are at peace with the United States, may enroll in the Naval Reserve Force subject to the condition that they may be discharged from such enrollment at any time within the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy, and such persons who may, under existing law, become citizens of the United States, and who render honorable service in the Naval Reserve Force in time of war for a period of not less than one year may become citizens of the United States without proof of residence on shore and without further requirement than proof of good moral character and certificate from the Secretary of the Navy that such honorable service was actually rendered.

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**CHAP. 19.**—An Act Granting consent to Ernest B. Denison, A. J. Barchfield, and Ethan I. Dodds to construct a bridge across the Wabash River within or near the city limits of the city of Vincennes, Indiana.

Wabash River.  
Ernest B. Denison  
and others may bridge,  
Vincennes, Ind.

Construction.  
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Amendment.

*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 Ernest B. Denison, A. J. Barchfield, and Ethan I. Dodds, their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Wabash River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, within or near the city limits of Vincennes, in the county of Knox, in the State of Indiana, 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.

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

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[H. R. 3330.]

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**CHAP. 20.**—An Act To temporarily increase the commissioned and warrant and enlisted strength of the Navy and Marine Corps, and for other purposes.

Navy.  
Enlisted strength  
temporarily increased.  
Vol. 39, p. 575.  
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Marine Corps.  
Enlisted strength  
temporarily increased.  
Vol. 39, p. 612.  
Vol. 35, p. 155.  
*Post*, p. 714.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the authorized enlisted strength of the active list of the Navy is hereby temporarily increased from eighty-seven thousand to one hundred and fifty thousand, including four thousand additional apprentice seamen.

**SEC. 2.** That the authorized enlisted strength of the active list of the Marine Corps is hereby temporarily increased from seventeen thousand four hundred to thirty thousand, this authorized strength being distributed in the various grades of the enlisted force in the