

materials and of fuel and all other things necessary for creating and extending the production of airplanes, aircraft, engines, and all appurtenances.

And also for creating, maintaining, and operating at technical schools and colleges courses of instruction for aviation students, including cost of instruction, equipment, and supplies necessary for instruction and subsistence of students while receiving such instruction.

Aviation technical instruction at schools, etc.

Provided, That, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, motor-propelled vehicles, airplanes, engines, parts thereof, and appurtenances may be exchanged in part payment for new equipment of the same or similar character to be used for the same purpose as those proposed to be exchanged.

Exchanges for new equipment.

Provided further, That during the present emergency, officers and enlisted men of foreign armies attached to the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps as instructors or inspectors when traveling in the United States on official business pertaining to the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps shall be authorized, from funds appropriated by this Act, the same mileage and transportation allowances as are authorized for officers or enlisted men of the Regular Army.

Travel expenses of foreign instructors, etc., in the United States.

SEC. 10. That for the purpose of carrying this Act into effect the sum of \$640,000,000 is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be available until June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighteen.

Appropriation.

Approved, July 24, 1917.

CHAP. 41.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the Sebastian bridge district to construct a bridge across the Arkansas River, at the foot of Garrison Avenue, at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

July 27, 1917.
[S. 2666.]

[Public, No. 30.]

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 Sebastian bridge district, created by the Legislature of Arkansas, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Arkansas River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at the foot of Garrison Avenue, at Fort Smith, in the county of Sebastian, in the State of Arkansas, 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.

Arkansas River. Sebastian bridge district may bridge, Fort Smith, Ark.
Post, p. 1051.

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

Amendment.

Approved, July 27, 1917.

CHAP. 42.—An Act Authorizing the President to take possession, on behalf of the United States, for use as sites for permanent aviation stations for the Army and Navy and for aviation school purposes, of the whole of North Island in the harbor of San Diego, California, and for other purposes.

July 27, 1917.
[H. R. 492.]

[Public, No. 31.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause possession to be taken forthwith, on behalf of the United States, for use for national defense and in connection therewith as sites for permanent aviation stations for the Army and Navy and for aviation school purposes, of the whole of North Island, in the harbor of San Diego, California, and the provisions of section three hundred and fifty-five, Revised Statutes, shall not apply to the expenditure of any appropriations for improvements thereon for aviation purposes.

North Island, San Diego Harbor, Cal. Possession authorized of, for aviation purposes.

Vesting of title waived.
R. S., sec. 355, p. 60.