

other services, by contract if deemed necessary, without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 41, sec. 5); rent; traveling expenses; purchase of necessary books, documents, newspapers, and periodicals; official cards; printing and binding; entertainment; local transportation; and such other expenses as may be authorized by the Secretary of State, including the reimbursement of other appropriations from which payment may have been made for any of the purposes herein specified.

Approved, May 20, 1938.

Contracts without advertising.
R. S. § 3709.
41 U. S. C. § 5.
Printing and binding.

Reimbursement of other appropriations.

[CHAPTER 255]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize and request the President of the United States to invite the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics to hold its Seventh General Assembly in the United States during the calendar year 1939, and to invite foreign governments to participate in that general assembly; and to authorize an appropriation to assist in meeting the expenses necessary for participation by the United States in the meeting.

May 20, 1938
[S. J. Res. 285]
[Pub. Res., No. 97]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and is hereby, authorized and requested to invite the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics to hold its Seventh General Assembly in the United States during the calendar year 1939, and to invite foreign governments to participate in that general assembly.

SEC. 2. That the sum of \$5,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the expenses of organizing and holding the Seventh General Assembly of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, including personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere without regard to the Classification Act of 1923, as amended; communication services; stenographic and other services by contract if deemed necessary without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 41, sec. 5); travel expenses; local transportation; hire of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles; rent in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; printing and binding; entertainment; official cards; purchase of newspapers and periodicals; necessary books and documents; stationery; membership badges; and such other expenses as may be actually and necessarily incurred by the Government of the United States by reason of observance of appropriate courtesies in connection therewith, and such other expenses as may be authorized by the Secretary of State, including the reimbursement of other appropriations from which payments have been made for any of the purposes herein specified.

Approved, May 20, 1938.

International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics.

Invitation to hold Seventh General Assembly in United States; participation by foreign governments.

Appropriation authorized.

Contracts without advertising.
R. S. § 3709.
41 U. S. C. § 5.

Printing and binding.

Reimbursement of other appropriations.

[CHAPTER 256]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Interstate Bridge Commission of the State of New York and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to reconstruct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Delaware River between points in the city of Port Jervis, Orange County, New York, and the Borough of Matamoras, Pike County, Pennsylvania.

May 21, 1938
[S. 3149]
[Public, No. 532]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate interstate commerce, improve the Postal Service, and provide for military and other purposes, the Interstate Bridge Commission of the State of New York and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be, and is hereby, authorized to reconstruct, maintain, and

Delaware River. Reconstruction, etc., of bridge across, Port Jervis, N. Y., to Borough of Matamoras, Pa., authorized.

operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Delaware River between points in the city of Port Jervis, Orange County, New York, and the Borough of Matamoras, Pike County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. § 491.

Acquisition of ap-
proaches, etc.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the Interstate Bridge Commission of the State of New York and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which real estate or other property is situated, upon making just compensation therefor, to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property for public purposes in such State.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, May 21, 1938.

[CHAPTER 257]

AN ACT

May 21, 1938
[S. 3213]

[Public, No. 533]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Oregon-Washington Board of Trustees to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Columbia River at Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon", approved June 13, 1934, as amended.

Columbia River.
Bridge construction
across, at Astoria,
Oreg.
48 Stat. 949; 49 Stat.
1066, 1104; 50 Stat. 563.

Bond issue author-
ized.

Right to assign, etc.,
rights, powers, and
privileges.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last sentence of the first section of the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Oregon-Washington Bridge Board of Trustees to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Columbia River at Astoria, Clatsop County, Oregon", approved June 13, 1934, as amended, is amended to read as follows: "Said board of trustees is hereby granted the power to issue bonds or other securities payable from and secured by bridge revenues for the purpose of financing the construction of the said bridge and the right to assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act."

Approved, May 21, 1938.

[CHAPTER 259]

AN ACT

May 23, 1938
[H. R. 8337]

[Public, No. 534]

Making appropriations for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, and for other purposes.

Independent Offices
Appropriation Act,
1938.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Executive Office and sundry independent executive bureaus, boards, commissions, and offices, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, namely: