

interfering with the accrual of any right to damages or cause of action in favor of the United States against any person whomsoever.

SEC. 3. All Acts or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, June 30, 1938.

Inconsistent Acts,
etc., repealed.

[CHAPTER 852]

AN ACT

To authorize the appropriation of funds for the development of rotary-wing and other aircraft.

June 30, 1938
[H. R. 10605]

[Public, No. 787]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the interest of adequate national defense and the further interest of the needs of other governmental activities and of American commercial and civil aeronautics for rotary-wing and other aircraft development there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,000,000 to remain available until expended for the purpose of rotary-wing and other aircraft research, development, procurement, experimentation, and operation for service testing.

Rotary - wing and
other aircraft.
Appropriation au-
thorized for develop-
ment of.

The Secretary of War is authorized and directed to proceed immediately with said research, development, procurement, experimentation, and operation for service testing and further to allot such sums from this fund to other Federal departments or agencies as he, in his judgment and discretion and within the limits herein prescribed, may deem advisable for the furtherance of these purposes.

Research, experi-
mentation, etc.

The following agencies of the Federal Government are hereby authorized and directed to submit to the Secretary of War plans for research, development, procurement, experimentation, and operation for service testing of rotary-wing and other aircraft. Upon presentation of plans, together with estimates of requirements, the Secretary of War will approve, apportion, and allot the necessary funds which in his discretion may appear proper for each respectively.

Plans for research,
development, etc.;
submission by certain
agencies.

The agencies referred to are:

Agencies designated.

(a) In the United States Army, the Office of the Chief of Cavalry, the Office of the Chief of Field Artillery, the Office of the Chief of Coast Artillery, the Office of the Chief of Infantry, the Office of the Chief Signal Officer, the Office of the Chief of Air Corps, the Office of the Chief of Medical Corps, the Office of the Quartermaster General, and the National Guard Bureau.

(b) In the Department of Agriculture, the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, the Bureau of Biological Survey, and the Forest Service.

(c) In the Department of the Interior, the National Park Service.

(d) In the Treasury Department, the Coast Guard.

(e) In the Department of Commerce, the Bureau of Air Commerce.

(f) In the Department of the Navy, the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, the Bureau of Aeronautics, and the Office of the Chief of Marine Corps.

(g) The National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

(h) In the Post Office Department, the Postmaster General.

Such of these agencies as are approved by the Secretary of War for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act and to whom the Secretary of War in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall allocate funds are hereby directed to report at the end of each fiscal year or at such times as the Secretary of War may direct, showing the progress of the work in hand, future pro-

Reports of agencies
to Secretary of War
as to progress, future
programs, recommen-
dations, etc.

grams, if any, and recommendations. Special emphasis in these reports shall be placed on the utility of rotary-wing and other aircraft at the present time and the promise this type of aircraft holds for the future in the opinion of the chief of each agency concerned.

Allocation for private construction.

The sum of \$600,000 is to be taken by the Secretary of War from this appropriation and used exclusively in the placing of contracts for the construction of improved and experimental types of rotary-wing and other aircraft by private industry.

Approved, June 30, 1938.

[CHAPTER 853]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Port Authority of Duluth, Minnesota, and the Harbor Commission of Superior, Wisconsin, to construct a highway bridge across the Saint Louis River from Rice's Point in Duluth, Minnesota, to Superior in Wisconsin.

June 30, 1938
[H. R. 10632]
[Public, No. 788]

Saint Louis River,
Duluth, Minn., and
Superior, Wis., may
bridge.

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 Port Authority of Duluth, Minnesota, and the Harbor Commission of Superior, Wisconsin, their successors and assigns, are hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a highway bridge and approaches thereto over and across the Saint Louis River from the lower end of Rice's Point in Duluth, Minnesota, to the vicinity of the lower end of Banks Avenue extended to the shore line in Superior, Wisconsin, 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-
498.

Acquisition of property.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the Port Authority of Duluth, Minnesota, and the Harbor Commission of Superior, Wisconsin, 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 a 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.

Federal aid.

39 Stat. 355.
16 U. S. C. § 503; 23
U. S. C. §§ 12a, 48.

SEC. 3. Notwithstanding any restriction or limitation imposed by the Act entitled "An Act to provide that the United States shall aid the States in the construction of rural post roads, and for other purposes", approved July 11, 1916, or by the Federal Highway Act, or by any Act amendatory of or supplemental to either thereof, the Secretary of Agriculture may extend Federal aid under such Acts, for the construction of said bridge, out of any moneys allocated to the State of Minnesota with the consent of the department of highways of said State, and out of any moneys allocated to the State of Wisconsin, with the consent of the department of highways of said State: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any of the provisions of this Act, the port authorities shall have full power and authority to negotiate and enter into a contract or contracts with the State Highway Commission of the State of Wisconsin and the State Highway Commission of the State of Minnesota, or with either of them, or with any other public body, whereby the port authorities may receive financial aid in the construction of the bridge and approaches thereto, and the

Proviso.
Contracts.