

(b) Subsection (b) of such section 10 is amended by striking out the words "not sold for the exclusive use of the United States during" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "with respect to which taxes are payable under subsection (a) for".

Approved, October 9, 1940.

[CHAPTER 788]

AN ACT

Providing for the barring of claims against the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every claim or demand (except a claim or demand by any State, Territory, possession or the District of Columbia) against the United States cognizable by the General Accounting Office under section 305 of the Budget and Accounting Act of June 10, 1921 (42 Stat. 24), and the Act of April 10, 1928 (45 Stat. 413), shall be forever barred unless such claim, bearing the signature and address of the claimant or of an authorized agent or attorney, shall be received in said office within ten full years after the date such claim first accrued: *Provided,* That when a claim of any person serving in the military or naval forces of the United States accrues in time of war, or when war intervenes within five years after its accrual, such claim may be presented within five years after peace is established.

SEC. 2. Whenever any claim barred by section 1 shall be received in the General Accounting Office, it shall be returned to the claimant, with a copy of this Act, and such action shall be a complete response without further communication.

Approved, October 9, 1940.

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[Public, No. 820]

Barring of claims
against United States.

31 U. S. C. §§ 71, 236.

Proviso.
Accrual in time of
war, etc.

Return of barred
claims.

[CHAPTER 789]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the Minnesota Department of Highways and the counties of Benton and Stearns in Minnesota, to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Sauk Rapids, Minnesota.

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 Minnesota Department of Highways and the counties of Benton and Stearns in Minnesota, to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, 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.

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

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Mississippi River.
Bridge authorized
across, at Sauk
Rapids, Minn.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-
496.

Right reserved.

[CHAPTER 790]

AN ACT

To authorize the acceptance of donations of property for the Vicksburg National Military Park, in the State of Mississippi, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to accept, in behalf of the United States, donations of lands, buildings, structures,

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[Public, No. 822]

Vicksburg National
Military Park, Miss.
Acceptance of prop-
erty donations.