

## [CHAPTER 471]

## AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at Mill Street in Brainerd, Minnesota.

November 14, 1945  
[S. 1259]  
[Public Law 221]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at Mill Street in Brainerd, Minnesota, authorized to be built by the State of Minnesota by an Act of Congress approved June 13, 1944, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from June 13, 1945.

Mississippi River  
Bridge in Brainerd,  
Minn.

58 Stat. 275.

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

Approved November 14, 1945.

## [CHAPTER 472]

## AN ACT

To facilitate further the disposition of prizes captured by the United States, and for other purposes.

November 14, 1945  
[S. 1420]  
[Public Law 222]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the first section of the Act of August 18, 1942 (56 Stat. 746), as amended (34 U. S. C. 1159), is hereby further amended to read as follows: "That the district courts shall have original jurisdiction of all prizes captured during war if said capture was made by authority of the United States or was adopted and ratified by the President of the United States and the prize was brought into the territorial waters of a cobelligerent or into a locality in the temporary or permanent possession or occupation of the armed forces of the United States or was taken or appropriated for the use of the United States, including jurisdiction of all proceedings for the condemnation of such property taken as prize".

Jurisdiction of prizes  
and of proceedings for  
condemnation.

34 U. S. C., Supp.  
IV, § 1159.

SEC. 2. Section 4621 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (34 U. S. C. 1137), is hereby further amended to read as follows: "Any district court may appoint prize commissioners, not exceeding three in number; of whom one shall be a naval officer, active or retired, approved by the Secretary of the Navy, who shall receive no other compensation than his pay in the Navy, and who shall protect the interests of the Department of the Navy in the prize property; and at least one of the others shall be a member of the bar of the court, of not less than three years' standing, and acquainted with the taking of depositions."

Prize commis-  
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SEC. 3. Section 4624 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (34 U. S. C. 1140), is hereby further amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof the following: " : *Provided,* That notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the seized property is taken or appropriated for the use of the United States whether before or after it comes into the custody of the prize court, the prize court is authorized to proceed to adjudication on the basis of an inventory and survey and an appropriate undertaking by the United States to respond for the value of such property without the necessity for either an appraisal or the deposit of the value of the prize with the Treasurer of the United States or any other public depository".

Adjudication; basis.

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