

between appropriations or authorizations, are hereby waived to the extent necessary to meet increased pay costs authorized by the Acts of June 30, 1945 (Public Law 106), July 6, 1945 (Public Law 134), July 14, 1945 (Public Law 151), and July 21, 1945 (Public Law 158), and other legislation enacted during or applicable to the fiscal year 1946 authorizing increased pay for civilian employees of the Government.

Approved April 19, 1946.

[CHAPTER 144]

AN ACT

Granting to Guy A. Thompson, trustee, Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, debtor, and to his successors and assigns, authority to relocate, maintain, and operate a single-track railway across United States Government reservation at lock numbered 3, White River, Independence County, Arkansas, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That license granted by the Secretary of War, of date September 14, 1943, to Guy A. Thompson, as trustee, Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, debtor, and to his successors and assigns, herein designated as grantee, to relocate Missouri Pacific Railroad tracks across United States Government reservation at lock numbered 3, White River, Independence County, Arkansas, and in connection therewith to remove a portion of the bluff and replace the previously existing trestle by solid fill obtained from the bluff, is ratified, and permission to maintain and to operate over said railroad track as so relocated is granted, subject to the following provisions and conditions, to wit: (a) That the exercise of the privileges hereby granted shall be without cost or expense to the United States, under the general supervision and subject to the approval of the officer of the Army having immediate jurisdiction over the property, and subject also to such regulations as may be prescribed by him from time to time; (b) that any property of the United States damaged or destroyed by the grantee incident to the exercise of the privileges herein granted shall be promptly repaired or replaced by the grantee to the satisfaction of the said officer, or in lieu of such repair or replacement the grantee shall, if so required by the said officer, pay to the United States money in an amount sufficient to compensate for the loss sustained by the United States by reason of damage to or destruction of Government property; (c) that the United States shall have the right to load or unload cars while on the main track in the vicinity of the lock: *Provided*, That regular scheduled trains are not thereby delayed; (d) that the grantee shall maintain at its own expense at some nearby point, a siding or spur track from which the United States can receive and forward freight, either in carload lots or less than carload lots; (e) that the grantee shall not use the river banks within a distance of one hundred and fifty feet above and below the limits of the lock walls, as a place for depositing spoil or waste, excepting under such conditions as may be approved by the said officer; (f) that the grantee shall supervise the said railroad track and cause it to be inspected at reasonable intervals, and shall immediately repair any defects found therein as a result of such inspection, or when requested by the said officer, to repair any defects; (g) that the grantee, at grantee's expense, shall maintain a pedestrian underpass; and (h) that the United States shall not be responsible for damages to property or injuries to persons which may arise from or be

59 Stat. 295, 435, 470, 488.
5 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 901 note; 39 U. S. C., Supp. V, §§ 851-876.
Post, pp. 203, 216 *et seq.*, 417.

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[Public Law 350]

Relocation of railroad at lock No. 3, White River, Ark.

Conditions.

incident to the exercise of the privileges herein granted, or for damages to the property of the grantee, or for damages to the property or injuries to the person of the grantee's officers, agents, servants, or employees or others who may be on said premises at their invitation or the invitation of any one of them, arising from governmental activities on the said premises, and the grantee shall hold the United States harmless from any and all such claims.

SEC. 2. That permission herein granted supersedes and is in lieu of the license granted to the White River Railway Company, February 26, 1902, by Public Law Numbered 23 (32 Stat. L. 41).

SEC. 3. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved, and if this permission is revoked, the grantee shall vacate the premises, remove said property therefrom, and restore the premises within such time as the Secretary of War may designate, and upon failure so to do, said property shall either become the property of the United States without compensation therefor, or the Secretary of War may cause the property to be removed and the premises to be restored at the expense of the grantee, and no claim for damages against the United States or its officers or agents shall arise by reason of such removal or restoration work.

Approved April 20, 1946.

Prior license.

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[CHAPTER 145]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Secretary of the Navy in his discretion to deliver to the custody of the State of Arkansas the silver service presented to the United States for the battleship Arkansas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is authorized in his discretion to deliver to the custody of the Governor of Arkansas for the Arkansas Historical Museum, for preservation and exhibition, the silver service which was presented to the United States for the battleship Arkansas by the citizens of that State: *Provided,* That no expense shall be incurred by the United States for the delivery of such silver service.

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U. S. S. Arkansas,
silver service.

[CHAPTER 146]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Secretary of the Navy in his discretion to deliver to the custody of the city of New Orleans the silver service and silver bell presented to the United States for the cruiser New Orleans.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is authorized in his discretion to deliver to the custody of the mayor of New Orleans for the Louisiana Historical Museum, for preservation and exhibition, the silver service and silver bell which were presented to the United States for the cruiser New Orleans by the citizens of that city: *Provided,* That no expense shall be incurred by the United States for the delivery of such silver service.

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[Public Law 352]

U. S. S. New Orleans,
silver service.