

such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls. An accurate record of the costs of the bridge and its approaches, the expenditure for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same, and of the daily tolls collected shall be kept and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

SEC. 3. No toll or other charge shall be levied against any employee, civil or military, or any vehicle or conveyance, of the United States Government for the use of such bridge in the performance of official duties.

SEC. 4. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved April 24, 1946.

[CHAPTER 215]

AN ACT

Authorizing the village of Baudette, State of Minnesota, its public successors or public assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Rainy River at or near Baudette, Minnesota.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate international commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes the village of Baudette, Minnesota, its public successors and public assigns, be, and it is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge and approaches thereto across the Rainy River, so far as the United States has jurisdiction over the waters of said river, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near Baudette, 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, subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act, and subject to the approval of the proper authorities in Canada.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the village of Baudette, Minnesota, its public successors and public assigns, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property in the State of Minnesota, needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches as are now possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State of Minnesota 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.

SEC. 3. The said village of Baudette, Minnesota, its public successors and public assigns, are authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge in accordance with any laws of Canada applicable thereto, and the rates of toll so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

SEC. 4. In fixing the rates of toll to be charged for the use of such bridge the same shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay for the reasonable cost of maintenance, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches under efficient and economical management, and to provide funds sufficient to amortize the cost of such bridge and its approaches, including reasonable interest and financing cost, as soon as possible, under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed twenty years from the completion thereof. After funds sufficient for such amortization of said bridge and its approaches shall have been so provided, such bridge shall

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[Public Law 364]

Bridge.
Rainy River.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-
498.

Approval of Canadian authorities.
Acquisition of property.

Tolls.

Supra.

Maintenance as free bridge.

thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls. An accurate record of the cost of the bridge and its approaches, the expenditure for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same, and of the daily tolls collected shall be kept and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

Right to sell, etc.

SEC. 5. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage to any public agency or to an international bridge authority is hereby granted to the village of Baudette, Minnesota, its public successors and public assigns; and any such agency or authority to whom such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or who shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such agency or authority.

Federal use.

SEC. 6. No toll or other charge shall be levied against any employee, civil or military, or any vehicle or conveyance of the United States Government for the use of such bridge in the performance of official duties.

SEC. 7. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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[CHAPTER 216]

AN ACT

April 24, 1946

[H. R. 5574]

[Public Law 365]

To amend paragraph 8 of part VII, Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, to authorize an appropriation of \$1,500,000 as a revolving fund in lieu of \$500,000 now authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph 8 of part VII, Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, is hereby amended by substituting "\$1,500,000" in lieu of "\$500,000", so that the paragraph shall read as follows:

57 Stat. 44.
38 U. S. C., Supp.
V, note foll. § 735.

Vocational rehabilitation.
Appropriation authorized.

Advancements.

"8. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, available immediately and until expended, the sum of \$1,500,000 to be utilized by the Veterans' Administration under such rules and regulations as the Administrator may prescribe, as a revolving fund for the purpose of making advancements not exceeding \$100 in any case, to persons commencing or undertaking courses of vocational rehabilitation under this part, and advancement to bear no interest and to be reimbursed in such installments as may be determined by the Administrator by proper deductions from any future payments of pension or retirement pay."

Approved April 24, 1946.

[CHAPTER 232]

AN ACT

April 26, 1946

[H. R. 1562]

[Public Law 366]

For the relief of the Borough of Park Ridge, Park Ridge, New Jersey.

Settlement of claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$7,500, to the Borough of Park Ridge, Park Ridge, New Jersey, in full settlement of all claims against the United States for damages sustained by the borough roads as the result of hauling sand from a sand pit located in the interior of the borough in connection