

Deeds for the District of Columbia shall be closed on every Saturday.

SEC. 2. Any writing, the time for recording of which expires on a Saturday, or on a Sunday, shall be deemed to have been recorded within the time prescribed if such writing be recorded on the first day thereafter other than Sunday or a legal holiday.

Approved August 2, 1946.

[CHAPTER 759]

AN ACT

To change the name of the Chemical Warfare Service to the Chemical Corps.

August 2, 1946
[S. 2375]
[Public Law 607]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Chemical Warfare Service, created by the Act of June 4, 1920 (41 Stat. 768), shall hereafter be known as the Chemical Corps.

10 U. S. C. §§ 221, 222; Supp. V, § 221.

Approved August 2, 1946.

[CHAPTER 760]

AN ACT

To provide authorization for the village of Cahokia, Illinois, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Cahokia, Illinois, and for other purposes.

August 2, 1946
[H. R. 6004]
[Public Law 608]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to promote interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for the military and other purposes, the village of Cahokia, Illinois, is hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Cahokia, Illinois, 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.

Bridge.
Mississippi River.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the village of Cahokia, Illinois, 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, maintenance, and operation 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 such real estate or other property is situated, 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.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-498.
Rights to acquire property, etc.

SEC. 3. The said village of Cahokia, Illinois, is hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge, and the rates of toll so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under the authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

Proceedings.

Tolls.

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 maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches under economical management, and to provide a sinking fund 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 thirty years from the completion thereof. After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization shall have been so provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls. An accurate record of the cost of the bridge and its approaches,

Supra.
Maintenance, etc.

Records.

the expenditures 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 assign, etc.

Sec. 5. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage to the States of Illinois or Missouri or public agencies or political subdivision thereof all of the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to said village of Cahokia, Illinois, and such States or public agencies, or political subdivision thereof, to which such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or which 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 States or public agencies or political subdivision thereof.

Sec. 6. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved August 2, 1946.

[CHAPTER 761]

AN ACT

Authorizing the State of Texas, acting through the State Highway Commission of Texas, or the successors thereof, to acquire, construct, maintain, and operate a free bridge across the Rio Grande at or near Del Rio, Texas.

August 2, 1946
[H. R. 6406]
[Public Law 606]

Bridge.
Rio Grande.

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 State of Texas, by and through its State highway commission, or successors of said commission be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Rio Grande, so far as the United States has jurisdiction over the waters of such river, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Del Rio, Texas, 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 International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico. Construction of said bridge shall not be undertaken until an agreement relating to the bridge shall have been effected between the Government of the United States and the Government of the United Mexican States.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-
498.

Agreement between
U. S. and Mexico.

Time limitation.

Sec. 2. The authority granted herein for construction of the bridge shall cease and be null and void unless the actual construction be commenced within three years and completed within five years from the date of the passage of this Act unless otherwise authorized by the Congress of the United States.

Acquisition of toll
bridge.

Sec. 3. Authority is hereby granted to permit the State of Texas, through its State highway commission, in its discretion, to acquire the existing toll bridge across the Rio Grande at or near Del Rio, Texas, upon such terms and at such time as may be mutually agreed upon as equitable to the present owners of such bridge and to the State of Texas.

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

Approved August 2, 1946.