

Secretary of War may require at any time in the said structure shall be promptly made by the said company at its own expense.

Use by other roads.

SEC. 3. That all railroad companies desiring the use of the bridge authorized by this Act shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains or cars over the same, and over the approaches thereto, upon the payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owner or owners of the said bridge and the several railroad companies or any one of them desiring such use shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid, and upon the rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies.

Telegraph, etc., rights.

Lights, etc.

SEC. 4. That on any bridge constructed under the provisions of this Act there shall be maintained at the expense of the company or corporation owning or controlling the same such lights and other signals as may be prescribed by the Light-House Board.

Time of construction.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date hereof.

Amendments.

SEC. 6. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, April 13, 1904.

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[H. R. 14044.]

[Public, No. 113.]

**CHAP. 1255.**—An Act To authorize the board of commissioners of Vigo County, Indiana, to construct and maintain a wagon, foot, and trolley-car bridge across the Wabash River at the foot of Wabash avenue, in the city of Terre Haute, in said county and State.

Wabash River, Vigo County, Ind., may bridge, at Terre Haute. Wagon, foot, and trolley-car bridge.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the board of commissioners of Vigo County, in the State of Indiana, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a wagon, foot, and trolley-car bridge across the Wabash River, said bridge to be located at the foot of Wabash avenue, in the city of Terre Haute, in said county and State.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be built under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation as the Secretary of War may prescribe; and to secure that object the said board of commissioners of Vigo County, Indiana, shall submit for his examination and approval a design and drawings of the bridge, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until said plans are approved by him the bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should any change be made in said bridge before or after completion, such change shall be likewise subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Unobstructed navigation.

Lights, etc.

Changes.

SEC. 3. That said bridge shall be kept and managed so as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels through or under the same; and for the safety of vessels passing at night there shall be displayed on said bridge by the owner thereof, at its own expense, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe. Any changes in said bridge which the Secretary of War may at any time order in the interest of navigation shall be made by the owner thereof at its expense.

Lawful structure and post route.

SEC. 4. That the bridge constructed, maintained, and operated under this Act, and according to its limitations, shall be a lawful structure and shall be recognized as a post route, upon which no higher charge shall be made for the transportation over the same of the mails, troops, and munitions of war of the United States than the rate per

mile paid for transportation of said mails, troops, and munitions of war over public highways and electric railways thereon leading to said bridge, and the United States shall have the right of way for telegraph, postal, telephone, and other purposes over said bridge.

Telegraph, etc., rights.

SEC. 5. That said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of wagons and vehicles and all kinds of street railway cars and motors, as well as foot passengers, and for all road travel, and all street railway companies desiring to use said bridge shall be entitled to equal rights and privileges in using the same and the approaches thereto at reasonable compensation by such street railway company or companies for the use of said bridge; and in case of any disagreement between the said board of commissioners and those desiring its use, in respect to charges to be paid and rules and conditions to be complied with in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties in interest.

Use by other roads.

SEC. 6. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of said bridge be not commenced in one year and completed in three years from the date hereof.

Time of construction.

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

Amendment.

Approved, April 13, 1904.

**CHAP. 1314.**—An Act To regulate shipping in trade between ports of the United States and ports or places in the Philippine Archipelago, between ports or places in the Philippine Archipelago, and for other purposes.

April 15, 1904.  
[S. 2259.]

[Public, No. 114.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That on and after July first, nineteen hundred and six, no merchandise except supplies for the Army or Navy shall be transported by sea, under penalty of forfeiture thereof, between ports of the United States and ports or places in the Philippine Archipelago, directly or via a foreign port, or for any part of the voyage, in any other vessel than a vessel of the United States. But this section shall not be construed to prohibit the sailing of any foreign vessel between any port of the United States and any port or place in the Philippine Archipelago: *Provided,* That no merchandise other than that imported in such vessel from some foreign port which has been specified on the manifest as for another port, and which shall not have been unloaded, shall be carried between a port of the United States and a port or place in the Philippine Archipelago.

Philippine Islands. Carrying goods between United States and, restricted after July 1, 1906, to American vessels.

Sailings permitted foreign ships.

*Provido,* Shipments which may be landed.

SEC. 2. That on and after July first, nineteen hundred and six, no foreign vessel shall transport passengers between ports of the United States and ports or places in the Philippine Archipelago, either directly or by way of a foreign port, under a penalty of two hundred dollars for each passenger so transported and landed.

Passenger transportation.

Penalty.

SEC. 3. That sections one and two of this Act shall not apply to the transportation of merchandise or passengers between ports or places in the Philippine Archipelago. Until Congress shall have authorized the registry as vessels of the United States of vessels owned in the Philippine Archipelago the government of the Philippine Islands is hereby authorized to adopt, from time to time, and enforce regulations governing the transportation of merchandise and passengers between ports or places in the Philippine Archipelago.

Interisland traffic not affected.

Authority of Philippine government.

SEC. 4. That sections one and two of this Act shall not apply to the voyage of a vessel between a port of the United States and a port or place in the Philippine Archipelago begun before July first, nineteen hundred and six.

Voyages begun before July 1, 1906, not affected.