

"An Act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies," approved July second, eighteen hundred and ninety, commonly known as the Sherman Antitrust Act.

SEC. 27. That the President is authorized to procure, or aid in procuring, such stocks of nitrate of soda as he may determine to be necessary, and find available, for increasing agricultural production during the calendar years nineteen hundred and seventeen and eighteen, and to dispose of the same for cash at cost, including all expenses connected therewith. For carrying out the purposes of this section, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, available immediately and until expended, the sum of \$10,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, and the President is authorized to make such regulations, and to use such means and agencies of the Government, as, in his discretion, he may deem best. The proceeds arising from the disposition of the nitrate of soda shall go into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

Approved, August 10, 1917.

Nitrate of soda.  
President may procure and sell, to aid agriculture.

Appropriation.

Means of operation.

Deposit of proceeds.  
*Post*, pp. 494, 1007.

CHAP. 54.—An Act To authorize and empower the Southwest Louisiana Waterways Association, of the State of Louisiana, to construct a lock and dam in Mermentau River, in the State of Louisiana.

September 19, 1917.  
[S. 2735.]

[Public, No. 42.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted for the Southwest Louisiana Waterways Association, of the State of Louisiana, to construct a lock and dam in the Mermentau River at some suitable point, to be approved by the Secretary of War: *Provided*, That said lock and dam shall be constructed and maintained wholly at the expense of said Association and in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War: *Provided further*, That no toll shall be imposed at any time for the passage of any craft through said lock: *And provided further*, That the operation and care of said lock and dam, with funds provided by the association, may, in the discretion of the Secretary of War, be assigned to the engineer officer of the United States Army in charge of the locality.

Mermentau River, La.  
Southwest Louisiana Waterways Association may build lock and dam in.

*Proviso.*  
Construction expenses.  
No toll allowed.

Operation under Army officer.

Commencement.

*Proviso.*  
Use limited.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall be null and void unless the privilege hereby granted shall be availed of within two years from the date hereof: *Provided*, That no dam constructed under the consent hereby granted shall be used to develop water power, nor to generate electricity, but the use of the dam by the construction shall be limited to irrigation.

SEC. 3. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, September 19, 1917.

CHAP. 55.—Joint Resolution For improving Willapa Harbor and River, Washington.

September 19, 1917.  
[S. J. Res. 93.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of War may proceed with the work of improving Willapa Harbor and River, Washington, in accordance with the authorization in the river and harbor Act of July twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and sixteen, provided he is assured that the city of Raymond and other local interests will contribute the sum of \$71,775, being one-half the actual estimated cost of dredging in the North and South Forks of the Willapa River above their junction and will comply with all the other conditions of cooperation imposed by the said Act.

[Pub. Res., No. 11.]  
Willapa Harbor and River, Wash.  
Construction of improvement work authorized.  
Vol. 39, p. 405.

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