

(i) That the comptroller and the auditor, and such persons as may be authorized in writing by either of them, may administer oaths to American citizens in respect to any matter within the jurisdiction of either of said officers and certify the official character, when known, of any foreign officer whose jurat or certificate may be necessary on any paper to be filed with them.

Administration of oaths, etc.

(j) That persons engaged in work abroad under the provisions of this section may purchase from Army stores for cash and at cost price for their own use such articles or stores as may be sold to officers and enlisted men.

Employees may purchase Army stores while abroad.

(k) That the authority granted under this section shall terminate six months after the close of the war or at such earlier date as the Secretary of the Treasury may direct, and it shall be the duty of the comptroller and auditor to make such reports as the Secretary of the Treasury may require of the expenditures made and work done pursuant to this section, and such reports shall be transmitted to the Congress at such time as he may decide to be compatible with the public interest.

Authority to terminate after close of war.

Reports to Congress.

(l) No officers, employees, or agents appointed or employed under this section shall receive more salary or compensation than like officers, employees, or agents of the Government now receive.

Limitation of salaries.

SEC. 13. That for the purposes of this Act the date of the termination of the war between the United States and the Imperial German Government shall be fixed by proclamation of the President of the United States.

Date of termination of war to be fixed by proclamation.

Approved, September 24, 1917.

CHAP. 57.—An Act Extending the time for the construction of a bridge across the Arkansas River between the cities of Little Rock and Argenta, Arkansas.

September 25, 1917.
[S. 2530.]

[Public, No. 44.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge, authorized by Act of Congress approved August seventh, nineteen hundred and fourteen, to be built across the Arkansas River between the cities of Little Rock and Argenta, Arkansas, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from the date hereof.

Arkansas River, Ark. Time extended for bridging, by Pulaski County. Vol. 38, p. 685, amended.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, September 25, 1917.

CHAP. 58.—An Act To authorize the construction of a building for the use of the Treasury Department.

September 27, 1917.
[S. 2477.]

[Public, No. 45.]

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 cause to be constructed, upon land belonging to the United States, at the northeast corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Madison Place, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, a suitable building, complete, for the use of the Treasury Department, and to cause an underground connection of said building with the Treasury building to be constructed; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into the necessary contracts at a total limit of cost for said building and underground connection of not to exceed \$1,250,000.

Public buildings. Additional building for Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., authorized. Location.

Contracts. Limit of cost.

Technical, etc., services authorized.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby further authorized, without regard to civil-service laws, rules, or regulations, to obtain such special architectural or other expert technical services as he may deem necessary and specially order in writing, and to pay for such services such prices or rates of compensation as he may consider just and reasonable from the appropriation for said building, any statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, September 27, 1917.

September 28, 1917.
[H. R. 5335.]

[Public, No. 46.]

CHAP. 59.—An Act To extend the time for constructing a bridge across the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River near Warfield, Kentucky, and Kermit, West Virginia, authorized by an Act approved January twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and sixteen.

Tug Fork of Big Sandy River, Ky. and W. Va.
Time extended for bridging, by Interstate Bridge Company.
Vol. 39, p. 7, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge authorized by the Act of Congress approved January twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, to be built across the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River near Warfield, Kentucky, and Kermit, West Virginia, are hereby extended to one year and three years, respectively, from the twenty-eighth day of January, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, September 28, 1917.

October 1, 1917.
[H. R. 5431.]

[Public, No. 47.]

CHAP. 60.—An Act To authorize the construction, maintenance, and operation of a bridge across the Saline River, at or near Suttons Ferry, Arkansas.

Saline River, Bradley County, Ark., may bridge, Suttons Ferry.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county of Bradley, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arkansas, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Saline River, at or near Suttons Ferry in the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section fifteen, township thirteen south, range nine west, of the fifth principal meridian on the Warren and Monticello Road, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, October 1, 1917

October 1, 1917.
[S. 2705.]

[Public, No. 48.]
Aircraft Board.
Created for development of air service.

CHAP. 61.—An Act To create the Aircraft Board and provide for its maintenance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of expanding and coordinating the industrial activities relating to aircraft, or parts of aircraft, produced for any purpose in the United States, and to facilitate generally the development of air service, a board is hereby created, to be known as the Aircraft Board, hereinafter referred to as the board.

Composition.

SEC. 2. That the board shall number not more than nine in all, and shall include a civilian chairman, the Chief Signal Officer of the Army, and two other officers of the Army, to be appointed by the