

long as their services are continuous, unless, in the opinion of the Secretary of Agriculture, the public interests require such renewal.

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[H. R. 10152.]
[Public, No. 357.]

CHAP. 125.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the Huntley-Richardson Lumber Company, a corporation of the State of South Carolina, doing business in the said State, to construct a railroad bridge across Bull Creek at or near Eddy Lake, in the State of South Carolina.

Bull Creek.
Huntley-Richardson
Lumber Company may
bridge, at Eddy Lake,
S. C.

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 to the Huntley-Richardson Lumber Company, a corporation of the State of South Carolina, doing business in said State, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a railroad bridge and approaches thereto across Bull Creek, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near a point on said Bull Creek, known as Eddy Lake, in the State of South Carolina, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Construction.
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Amendment.

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

Approved, January 31, 1925.

February 2, 1925.
[S. 703.]
Public, No. 358.]

CHAP. 127.—An Act Making an adjustment of certain accounts between the United States and the District of Columbia

District of Columbia.
Adjusting certain ac-
counts between United
States and.
Vol. 42, p. 670.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That pursuant to the report of the Joint Select Committee appointed under the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of such District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, and for other purposes," approved June 29, 1922—

Sums to be credited
to the District.

(a) There shall be credited to the general account of the District of Columbia required under the provisions of the first paragraph of such Act to be kept in the Treasury Department the following sums:

Balance due June 30,
1922.

(1) \$7,574,416.90, representing the balance in the general fund in the Treasury for such District on June 30, 1922, and

Adjusted errors.

(2) \$665.46, representing an adjustment of certain errors; and

Charges against.

(b) There shall be charged to such account the following sums:

District's proportion
of unexpended bal-
ances.

(1) \$2,903,219.93, representing the District's proportion of unexpended balances of appropriations on June 30, 1922, together with certain obligations and encumbrances accruing after such date,

Bonus to employees.

(2) \$191,890.35, representing the District's proportion of the annual bonus paid to certain employees of the District,

Additional land for
Zoological Park.

(3) \$41,500, representing the District's proportion of the cost of additional land for the National Zoological Park, and

Eldred C. Davis.

(4) \$317.16, representing the District's proportion of an amount appropriated by special Act of Congress for the relief of Eldred C. Davis.

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No interest allowed.

Such credits and charges to the general accounts of the District of Columbia shall be made without the payment of interest thereon by either the United States or the District of Columbia; and the making of such credits and charges shall be held to be in full satisfaction of all claims and demands either for or against the

Amounts in full satis-
faction of all claims.

United States or the District of Columbia in respect to the items involved therein.

The sum of \$4,438,154.92, representing the difference between such credits and charges, is hereby made permanently available in such account of the District of Columbia for appropriation by the Congress for purchase of land and construction of buildings for public school, playground, and park purposes, other than and in addition to sums appropriated for such purposes in the District of Columbia Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1926: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to deprive the District of Columbia, as of and on June 30, 1922, in addition to the sum named herein, of credit for the surplus of revenues of said District collected and deposited in the Treasury of the United States during the fiscal year 1922, over and above all appropriations and other charges for that year or of credit for the unexpended balances of District of Columbia appropriations covered into the surplus fund by warrant of the Secretary of the Treasury issued on June 30, 1922; or of credit for the proportion the District of Columbia may be entitled to of miscellaneous receipts paid directly into the Treasury during the fiscal year 1922; or of credit for the amount erroneously charged against the revenues of the District for the fiscal year 1922 on account of appropriations made by the third Deficiency Act, fiscal year 1922, approved July 1, 1922, as the amount of said appropriations were charged against the revenues of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year 1923, totaling the sum of \$819,373.83, which is included in the total sum of \$2,903,219.93 mentioned in line 8, page 2, of this bill, and taken into account in arriving at the net balance of \$4,438,154.92, above stated.

Use of specified difference for schools, playgrounds, and parks additional to regular, appropriations.

Provided. Additional credits not prevented.

Unexpended balances covered into surplus fund.

Miscellaneous receipts paid into Treasury direct.

Erroneous charges in Third Deficiency Act, 1922.

Provided further, That the Comptroller General of the United States shall ascertain and determine whether the items mentioned in the preceding proviso were improperly taken into account in arriving at the net balance of \$4,438,154.92, and if, and to the extent that, any or all of said items shall be so determined to have been improperly taken into account, the amount thereof shall be added to the said fund of \$4,438,154.92 and likewise shall be available permanently in the general account of the District of Columbia for appropriation by the Congress for such purposes as it may from time to time provide: *And provided further*, That the Comptroller General shall submit to the Congress at its next regular session a detailed report of the result of his determination and action as authorized herein.

Determination by Comptroller General of amounts improperly charged.

Items erroneously charged added to funds.

Report.

Approved, February 2, 1925.

CHAP. 128.—An Act To encourage commercial aviation and to authorize the Postmaster General to contract for air mail service.

February 2, 1925.
[H. R. 7064.]
[Public, No. 359.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the Air Mail Act.

Air Mail Act.

SEC. 2. That when used in this Act the term "air mail" means first-class mail prepaid at the rates of postage herein prescribed.

Meaning of "air mail."

SEC. 3. That the rates of postage on air mail shall be not less than 10 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof.

Postage rate.

SEC. 4. That the Postmaster General is authorized to contract with any individual, firm, or corporation for the transportation of air mail by aircraft between such points as he may designate at a rate not to exceed four-fifths of the revenues derived from such air mail, and to further contract for the transportation by aircraft of first-class mail other than air mail at a rate not to exceed four-fifths of the revenues derived from such first-class mail.

Contracts authorized for carrying air mail by aircraft.

Other first-class mail.