

February 12, 1925.
[S. 3622.]
[Public, No. 404.]

CHAP. 216.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the police jury of Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, or the State Highway Commission of Louisiana to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Bayou Bartholomew at each of the following-named points in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana: Vester Ferry, Ward Ferry, and Zachery Ferry.

Bayou Bartholomew.
Morehouse Parish,
La., may bridge.
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tions, p. 9.

Construction.
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Locations.

Amendment.

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 police jury of Morehouse Parish, Louisiana, or the State Highway Commission of Louisiana to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Bayou Bartholomew, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, and in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, at or near each of the following-named points in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana: Vester Ferry, Ward Ferry, and Zachery Ferry.

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

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February 12, 1925.
[S. 3884.]
[Public, No. 405.]

CHAP. 217.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the county of Independence, Arkansas, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the White River, at or near the city of Batesville, in the county of Independence, in the State of Arkansas.

White River.
Independence Coun-
ty, Ark., may bridge,
Batesville.

Construction.
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State, etc., may ac-
quire for operating as a
free bridge.

Proviso.
Tolls allowed for five
years.

Amendment.

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 county of Independence, in the State of Arkansas, and its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the White River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near the city of Batesville, in the county of Independence, in the State of Arkansas, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

SEC. 2. That the State of Arkansas, or any political subdivision or division thereof, within or adjoining which said bridge is located, may at any time, by agreement or by condemnation in accordance with the laws of said State, acquire all right, title, and interest in said bridge and the approaches thereto constructed under authority of this Act, for the purpose of maintaining and operating such bridge as a free bridge, by the payment to the owners of the reasonable value thereof, not to exceed in any event the construction cost thereof: *Provided,* That the said State or political subdivision or division thereof may operate such bridge as a toll bridge not to exceed five years from date of acquisition thereof.

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

Approved, February 12, 1925.

February 12, 1925.
[S. 3885.]
[Public, No. 406.]

CHAP. 218.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to Harry E. Bovay, of Stuttgart, Arkansas, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Black River, at or near the city of Black Rock, in the county of Lawrence, in the State of Arkansas.

Black River.
Harry E. Bovay may
bridge, Black Rock,
Ark.

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 Harry E. Bovay, of Stuttgart, Arkansas, and his successors and assigns, to construct, maintain,

and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Black River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near the city of Black Rock, in the county of Lawrence, in the State of Arkansas, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

SEC. 2. That the State of Arkansas or any political subdivision or division thereof, within or adjoining which said bridge is located, may at any time, by agreement or by condemnation according to laws of said State, acquire all right, title, and interest in said bridge and the approaches thereto constructed under authority of this Act, for the purpose of maintaining and operating such bridge as a free bridge by the payment to the owners of the reasonable value thereof, not to exceed in any event the construction cost thereof: *Provided*, That the said State or political subdivision or division thereof may operate such bridge as a toll bridge not to exceed five years from date of acquisition thereof.

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

Approved, February 12, 1925.

CHAP. 219.—An Act To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide that the United States shall aid the States in the construction of rural post roads, and for other purposes," approved July 11, 1916, as amended and supplemented, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to provide that the United States shall aid the States in the construction of rural post roads, and for other purposes," approved July 11, 1916, and all Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the following additional sums, to be expended according to the provisions of such Act as amended:

The sum of \$75,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926;

The sum of \$75,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927.

Immediately upon the passage of this Act and thereafter not later than January 1, of each year, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to apportion among the several States, as provided in section 21 of the Federal Highway Act, approved November 9, 1921, the \$75,000,000 herein authorized to be apportioned for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, and on or before January 1 next preceding the commencement of each succeeding fiscal year he shall make like apportionment of the appropriation herein authorized, or which may hereafter be authorized, for each fiscal year: *Provided*, That the Secretary of Agriculture shall act upon projects submitted to him under his apportionment of this authorization, and his approval of any such project within three years shall be deemed a contractual obligation of the Federal Government for the payment of its proportional contribution thereto.

SEC. 2. For carrying out the provisions of section 23 of the Federal Highway Act, approved November 9, 1921, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated for forest roads and trails, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the following additional sums, to be available until expended in accordance with the provisions of said section 23:

The sum of \$7,500,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926;

The sum of \$7,500,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927.

Construction.
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State, etc., may acquire for operating as a free bridge.

Proviso.
Tolls allowed for five years.

Amendment.

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Rural post roads.
Additional authorizations of appropriations for.
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For 1926.

For 1927.

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