

Arkansas may acquire to operate as a free bridge.

SEC. 2. 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.

Payment for.

Proviso.
Tolls allowed for five years.

Amendment.

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

Approved, March 3, 1925.

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[S. 4320.]
[Public, No. 574.]

CHAP. 456.—An Act To extend the time for constructing a bridge across the Ohio River between Vanderburg County, Indiana, and Henderson County, Kentucky.

Ohio River.
Time extended for bridging, by Kentucky and Indiana.
Public Laws, 1st sess., p. 662, 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 the bridge authorized by the Act of Congress approved June 7, 1924, to be built by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the State of Indiana across the Ohio River between Vanderburg County, Indiana, and Henderson County, Kentucky, are hereby extended one year and three years, respectively, from the date of approval hereof.

Amendment.

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

Approved, March 3, 1925.

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[H. R. 5939.]
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CHAP. 457.—An Act To facilitate and simplify the work of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, and to promote reforestation.

Forest protection.
Moneys contributed for reforestation, etc., to constitute a special fund.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all moneys received as contributions toward reforestation or for the administration or protection of lands within or near the national forests shall be covered into the Treasury and shall constitute a special fund, which is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the payment of the expenses of said reforestation, administration, or protection by the Forest Service, and for refunds to the contributors of amounts heretofore or hereafter paid in by or for them in excess of their share of the cost, but the United States shall not be liable for any damage incident to cooperation hereunder.

Use of fund.

Additional buildings authorized.

SEC. 2. That, in addition to buildings costing not to exceed \$1,500 each, the Secretary of Agriculture, out of any moneys appropriated for the improvement or protection of the national forests, may construct, improve, or purchase during each fiscal year three buildings for national forest purposes at not to exceed \$2,500 each, and three at not to exceed \$2,000 each: *Provided*, That the cost of a water supply or sanitary system shall not be charged as a part of the cost of any building except those costing in excess of \$2,000 each, and no such water supply and sanitary system shall cost in excess of \$500.

Proviso.
Water supply, etc., for buildings.

Timber, etc., sales allowed without advertising.
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SEC. 3. That the Act of June 6, 1900 (Thirty-first Statutes, page 661), is hereby amended to enable the Secretary of Agriculture, in his discretion, to sell, without advertisement, in quantities to suit

applicants, at a fair appraisal, timber, cordwood, and other forest products not exceeding \$500 in appraised value.

SEC. 4. That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to furnish subsistence to employees of the Forest Service, to purchase personal equipment and supplies for them, and to make deductions therefor from moneys appropriated for salary payments or otherwise due such employees.

Subsistence, etc., to employees.

SEC. 5. That where no suitable Government land is available for national forest headquarters or ranger stations, the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to purchase such lands out of any funds appropriated for building improvements on the national forests, but not more than \$2,500 shall be so expended in any one year; and to accept donations of land for any national forest purpose.

Lands for forest headquarters or ranger stations may be bought.

SEC. 6. That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to provide out of moneys appropriated for the general expenses of the Forest Service medical attention for employees of the Forest Service located at isolated situations, including the moving of such employees to hospitals or other places where medical assistance is available, and in case of death to remove the bodies of deceased employees to the nearest place where they can be prepared for shipment or for burial.

Medical attention, etc., for employees at isolated situations.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

CHAP. 458.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands.

March 3, 1925.

[H. R. 6710.]

[Public, No. 576.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior, upon such terms and under such regulations as he may deem proper, may permit responsible persons or associations to use and occupy, for the erection of bath houses, hotels, or other improvements for the accommodation of the public, suitable spaces or tracts of land near or adjacent to mineral, medicinal, or other springs which are located upon unreserved public lands or public lands which have been withdrawn for the protection of such springs: Provided, That permits or leases hereunder shall be for periods not exceeding twenty years.

Public lands. Leases permitted for bath houses, hotels, etc., adjacent to mineral springs, etc., on public lands.

Proviso. Term of leases.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

CHAP. 459.—An Act Conferring jurisdiction upon the Court of Claims to hear, examine, adjudicate, and enter judgment in any and all claims, of whatever nature, which the Kansas or Kaw Tribe of Indians may have or claim to have, against the United States, and for other purposes.

March 3, 1925.

[H. R. 9062.]

[Public, No. 577.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction be, and is hereby, conferred upon the Court of Claims, notwithstanding the lapse of time or statutes of limitation, to hear, examine, and adjudicate and render judgment in any and all legal and equitable claims which said Kansas or Kaw Tribe of Indians may have or claim to have against the United States, growing out of or arising under any treaty or agreement between the United States and the Kansas or Kaw Tribe of Indians, or arising under or growing out of any Act of Congress in relation to Indian affairs, which claims have not heretofore been determined and adjudicated on their merits by the Court of Claims or the Supreme Court of the United States:

Kansas or Kaw Indians. Claims of, against United States to be adjudicated by Court of Claims.