

structures, mechanical equipment, approach work, roads and trackage facilities leading thereto; vehicles, live stock, furniture, equipment, and accessories, and also to provide accommodations for officers, nurses, and attending personnel; and also to provide proper and suitable recreational centers, and the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau is authorized to accept gifts or donations for any of the purposes named herein. Such hospital plants to be constructed shall be of fireproof construction and existing plants purchased shall be remodeled to be fireproof, and the location and nature thereof, whether for the treatment of tuberculosis, neuropsychiatric, or general medical and surgical cases, shall be in the discretion of the Director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, subject to the approval of the President: *Provided, however*, That the director, with the approval of the President, may utilize such suitable buildings, structures, and grounds, now owned by the United States, as may be available for the purposes aforesaid, and the President is hereby authorized by Executive order to transfer any such buildings, structures, and grounds to the control and jurisdiction of the United States Veterans' Bureau upon the request of the director thereof.

Accommodations for personnel, recreational centers, etc.

Acceptance of donations.

Construction requirements, etc.

*Proviso.*  
Utilization of Government-owned buildings, etc.

SEC. 2. The construction of new hospitals or dispensaries, or the replacement, extension, alteration, remodeling, or repair of all hospitals or dispensaries heretofore or hereafter constructed shall be done in such manner as the President may determine, and he is authorized to require the architectural, engineering, constructing, or other forces of any of the departments of the Government to do or assist in such work, and to employ individuals and agencies not now connected with the Government, if in his opinion desirable, at such compensation as he may consider reasonable.

Technical, etc., services for construction purposes authorized.

SEC. 3. For carrying into effect the preceding paragraphs relating to additional hospitals and out-patient dispensary facilities there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$10,000,000, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended. That not to exceed 3 per centum of this sum shall be available for the employment in the District of Columbia and in the field of necessary technical and clerical assistants at the customary rates of compensation, exclusively to aid in the preparation of the plans and specifications for the projects authorized herein and for the supervision of the execution thereof, and for traveling expenses, field-office equipment and supplies in connection therewith.

Amount authorized to be appropriated.

*Ante*, p. 389.

Allowance for technical assistance, supplies, etc.

SEC. 4. Upon completion of the hospital program provided for in this Act no contract or other hospital or institution other than those hospitals and institutions under the jurisdiction and control of the United States Veterans' Bureau or those governmental hospitals or institutions specified in section 10 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, shall be used, except where due to the nature of a claimant's disease or disability it would endanger his life to remove him from such hospital to a Veterans' Bureau hospital, or in the event of extreme emergency in the discretion of the director.

Upon completion of program no other than specified hospitals to be used.

*Ante*, p. 610.

Exceptional cases.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

**CHAP. 470.**—An Act Granting certain public lands to the city of Phoenix, Arizona, for municipal park and other purposes.

March 3, 1925.

[H. R. 11644.]

[Public, No. 588.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That lots 1 and 2, northeast quarter northwest quarter, and northwest quarter northeast quarter, section 7, township 1 south, range 4 east, Gila and

Public lands.  
Granted Phoenix, Ariz., for municipal park, etc.  
Description.

Payment required. Salt River meridian, Arizona, be, and the same are hereby granted to the city of Phoenix, Arizona, for municipal park, recreation, playground, or public convenience purposes, upon the condition that the city shall make payment for such land at the rate of \$1.25 per acre to the receiver of the United States Land Office, Phoenix, Arizona, within six months after the approval of this Act: *Provided*, That there shall be reserved to the United States all oil, coal, or other mineral deposits found at any time in the land, and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same: *Provided further*, That the grant herein is made subject to any valid existing claim or easement, and that the lands hereby granted shall be used by the city of Phoenix, Arizona, only for the purposes herein indicated, and if the said land, or any part thereof, shall be abandoned for such use, said land, or such part, shall revert to the United States; and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to declare such a forfeiture of the grant, and restore said premises to the public domain, if at any time he shall determine that the city has for more than one year, abandoned the land for the uses herein indicated, and such order of the Secretary shall be final and conclusive, and thereupon and thereby said premises shall be restored to the public domain and freed from the operation of this grant.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

March 3, 1925.  
[H. R. 11726.]  
[Public, No. 589.]

**CHAP. 471.**—An Act To authorize the creation of a national memorial in the Harney National Forest.

Harney National Forest.  
Memorial authorized in, by Mount Harney Memorial Association.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Mount Harney Memorial Association hereafter to be created by the Legislature of South Dakota is hereby authorized to carve a memorial in heroic figures commemorative of our national history and progress upon a suitable exposure of the Harney Mountain Range, located within the boundaries of the Harney National Forest in the State of South Dakota. Such association is further authorized to select the name, location, and design of such memorial: *Provided*, That the United States shall be put to no expense in respect of such memorial, and that the Secretary of Agriculture finds that the location of the site will not interfere with the administration of the Harney National Forest.

*Proviso.*  
No Government expense, etc.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

March 3, 1925.  
[H. R. 11818.]  
[Public, No. 590.]

**CHAP. 472.**—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the construction of a bridge across the Rio Grande.

Rio Grande.  
W. J. Stahmann, etc., may bridge, near Tornillo, Tex.

*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 W. J. Stahmann, Edgar D. Brown, L. N. Shafer, and associates, their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge, and approaches thereto, across the Rio Grande, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near a point two miles south of the town of Tornillo, Texas, in the lower San Elizario Grant, in the county of El Paso, on the American side of the river, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, such construction to be made only with the consent and approval of the Republic of Mexico.

Construction.  
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Consent of Mexico required.