

**CHAP. 292.**—An Act To extend the time for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across Detroit River within or near the city limits of Detroit, Michigan.

May 13, 1926.  
[H. R. 8771.]  
[Public, No. 220.]

*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 Act of Congress approved March 4, 1921, to be built by the American Transit Company, its successors and assigns, across Detroit River, within or near the city limits of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, which have heretofore been extended by Acts of Congress approved April 17, 1924, and March 3, 1925, are hereby further extended one year and five years, respectively, from the date of approval hereof.

Detroit River.  
Time extended for bridging at Detroit, Mich., by American Transit Company.

**SEC. 2.** That the said American Transit Company, its successors or assigns, shall within ninety days after the completion of the bridge constructed under the authority of this Act file with the Secretary of War an itemized statement under oath showing the actual original cost of such bridge and its approaches and appurtenances, which statement shall include any expenditures actually made for engineering and legal services; and any fees, discounts, and other expenditures actually incurred in connection with the financing thereof. Such itemized statement of cost shall be investigated by the Secretary of War at any time within three years after the completion of such bridge, and for that purpose the said American Transit Company, its successors or assigns, in such manner as may be deemed proper, shall make available and accessible all records connected with the construction and financing of such bridge, and the findings of the Secretary of War as to the actual cost of such bridge shall be made a part of the records of the War Department.

Sworn statement of costs, etc., to be submitted after completion.

Investigation by Secretary of War.

Findings to be a part of the Department records.

**SEC. 3.** The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to the said American Transit Company, its successors or assigns, and any corporation to which such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or which shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation.

Right to sell, etc., conferred.

**SEC. 4.** That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, May 13, 1926.

**CHAP. 293.**—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the Gallia County Ohio River Bridge Company and its successors and assigns to construct a bridge across the Ohio River at or near Gallipolis, Ohio.

May 13, 1926.  
[H. R. 10169.]  
[Public, No. 221.]

*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 Gallia County Ohio River Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge and approaches thereto across the Ohio River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation between a point at or near Gallipolis, in the county of Gallia, in the State of Ohio, and a point opposite in the State of Kentucky, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 13, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

Ohio River.  
Gallia County Ohio River Bridge Company may bridge at Gallipolis.  
Post, p. 1265.

Post, p. 924.  
Construction.  
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Acquisition of real estate, etc., for approaches, etc.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the Gallia County Ohio River Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches, as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which such land or property is situated, upon making just compensation therefor to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation and expropriation of property in such State.

Condemnation procedure.

Tolls authorized.

SEC. 3. The said Gallia County Ohio River Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, is hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge, and the rates of toll so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under the authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

Ohio, Kentucky, etc., may acquire, after completion.  
*Post*, p. 924.

SEC. 4. After the completion of such bridge, the State of Ohio or the State of Kentucky, or any political subdivision or subdivisions thereof within or adjoining which such bridge is located, may at any time jointly or severally acquire and take over all right, title, and interest in such bridge and its approaches, and any interest in real estate necessary therefor, by purchase or by condemnation in accordance with the laws of either of such States governing the acquisition of private property for public purposes by condemnation. If at any time after the expiration of twenty years after the completion of such bridge the same is acquired by condemnation, the amount of damages or compensation to be allowed shall not include good will, going value, or prospective revenues or profits, but shall be limited to the sum of (1) the actual cost of constructing such bridge and its approaches, less a reasonable deduction for actual depreciation in value; (2) the actual cost of acquiring such interests in real property; (3) actual financing and promotion costs, not to exceed 10 per centum of all other cost of constructing the bridge and its approaches and acquiring such interest in real property; and (4) actual expenditures for necessary improvements.

Determination of compensation if acquired by condemnation.  
*Post*, p. 1265.

*Post*, p. 1265.

Limitation.

Operation, etc., by States as a toll bridge.

SEC. 5. If such bridge shall at any time be taken over or acquired as provided in section 4 of this Act and if tolls are charged for the use thereof, in fixing the rates of toll to be charged the same shall be so adjusted as to provide as far as possible a sufficient fund to pay for the cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the amount paid for such bridge and its approaches within a period of not to exceed twenty years from the date of acquiring the same. After a sinking fund sufficient to pay the cost of acquiring the bridge and its approaches, and any interest that shall accrue on money borrowed for that purpose, shall have been provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls, or the rates of toll shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund of not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper care, maintenance, and operation of the bridge and its approaches. An accurate record of the amount paid for acquiring the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for operating, repairing, and maintaining the same, and of the daily tolls collected shall be kept, and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

Maintenance as free bridge, etc., on amortization of costs.

Record of expenditures and receipts.

Sworn statement of costs to be filed after completion.

SEC. 6. The Gallia County Ohio River Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, shall immediately after the completion of such bridge file with the Secretary of War a sworn itemized statement showing the actual original cost of constructing such bridge and its approaches, the actual cost of acquiring any interest in real estate necessary therefor, and the actual financing and promotion cost.

The Secretary of War may, at any time within three years after the completion of such bridge, investigate the cost of constructing the same and for such purpose the said Gallia County Ohio River Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, shall make available all of its records in connection with the financing and the construction thereof. The findings of the Secretary of War as to the cost of the bridge shall be conclusive, subject to review in a court of equity for fraud or mistake.

Investigation by Secretary of War.

SEC. 7. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act, is hereby granted to the Gallia County Ohio River Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, and any corporation to which or any person to whom such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or who shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation or person.

Findings of Secretary conclusive.

Right to sell, etc., granted.

SEC. 8. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, May 13, 1926.

**CHAP. 294.**—An Act Making appropriations for the Legislative Branch of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, and for other purposes.

May 13, 1926.  
[H. R. 10425.]  
[Public, No. 222.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Legislative Branch of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, namely:

Legislative appropriations.

SENATE

Senate.

SALARIES AND MILEAGE OF SENATORS

Senators.

For compensation of Senators, \$960,000.

For mileage of Senators, \$51,000.

Compensation.

For compensation of officers, clerks, messengers, and others:

Mileage.

Officers, clerks, messengers, etc.

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Vice President's office.

Salaries: Secretary to the Vice President, \$4,200; assistant clerk, \$2,080; clerk, \$1,940; assistant clerk, \$1,830; in all, \$10,050.

Secretary and clerks.

CHAPLAIN

For Chaplain, \$1,520.

Chaplain.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Secretary's office.

Salaries: Secretary of the Senate, including compensation as disbursing officer of salaries of Senators and of contingent fund of the Senate, \$6,500; assistant secretary, Henry M. Rose, \$4,500; chief clerk, who shall perform the duties of reading clerk, \$5,500; financial clerk, \$5,000; principal clerk, \$3,420; assistant financial clerk, \$4,200; minute and Journal clerk, \$4,200; legislative clerk, \$3,150; librarian, \$3,000; enrolling clerk, \$3,150; printing clerk, \$3,000; executive clerk, \$2,890; file clerk, chief bookkeeper, and assistant Journal clerk, at \$2,880 each; first assistant librarian, and keeper of stationery, \$2,780 each; assistant librarian, \$2,150; skilled laborer, \$1,520; clerks—three at \$2,880 each, one at \$2,590, one at \$1,800, one \$2,460, one \$2,100,

Secretary, assistant, clerks, etc.