

CHAP. 266.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the South Carolina and Georgia State highway departments, their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Savannah River.

March 2, 1927.
[H. R. 16971.]
[Public, No. 683.]

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 South Carolina and Georgia State highway departments, their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Savannah River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near Fureys Ferry on the road between McCormick, South Carolina, and Augusta, Georgia, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

Savannah River.
South Carolina and
Georgia may bridge, at
Fureys Ferry.

Construction.
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SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the South Carolina and Georgia State highway departments, their 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 real estate or other 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 or expropriation of property in such State.

Right to acquire real
estate, etc., for location,
approaches, etc.

Condemnation pro-
ceedings.

SEC. 3. The said South Carolina and Georgia State highway departments, their successors and assigns, are 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.

Tolls authorized.

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SEC. 4. In fixing the rates of toll to be charged for the use of such bridge the same shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient 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 cost of such bridge and its approaches as soon as possible under reasonable charges, but within a period not to exceed December 31, 1936. After a sinking fund sufficient to pay the cost of constructing the bridge and its approaches shall have been provided such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls, or the rates of toll shall thereafter be so adjusted as to provide a fund of not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper care, repair, maintenance, and operation of the bridge and its approaches. An accurate record of the cost of 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.

Rates of toll to pro-
vide for operation, sink-
ing fund, etc.

Maintenance as free
bridge, etc., after amor-
tizing costs.

Record of expendi-
tures and receipts.

SEC. 5. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, March 2, 1927.

CHAP. 267.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to W. Gilbert Freeman, his successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Saint Lawrence River near Alexandria Bay, New York.

March 2, 1927.
[H. R. 17131.]
[Public, No. 684.]

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. Gilbert Freeman, his successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and

Saint Lawrence
River.
W. Gilbert Freeman
may bridge channel of,
etc.