

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.

Rates of toll to provide for operation, sinking fund to amortize cost, etc.

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 of not to exceed twenty years from the completion thereof. 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.

Maintenance as free bridge, etc., subsequently.

Record of expenditures and receipts.

Amendment.

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

Approved, February 1, 1927.

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[H. R. 15642.]

[Public, No. 577.]

CHAP. 64.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the State of Michigan and Berrien County, or either of them, to reconstruct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Saint Joseph River.

Saint Joseph River. Michigan and Berrien County may reconstruct bridge across, at Benton Harbor.

*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 State of Michigan and Berrien County, or either of them, to reconstruct the existing bridge and approaches thereto across the Saint Joseph River, at, or near, Benton Harbor, Michigan, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, and to maintain and operate the same in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Construction. Vol. 34, p. 84.

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

Approved, February 1, 1927.

February 5, 1927.

[H. R. 10082.]

[Public, No. 578.]

CHAP. 65.—An Act To permit construction, maintenance, and use of certain pipe lines for petroleum and its products.

District of Columbia. Pipe lines for petroleum and products permitted from square 704 to the Eastern Branch.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the owner of square numbered 704, in the city of Washington, said square being bounded by South Capitol Street, P Street south, One-half Street east, and O Street south, or his representative duly authorized in writing, be, and is hereby, permitted to lay down, construct, maintain, and use pipe lines for the carriage of petroleum and its products from points in said square numbered 704 in and through the following streets, namely: One-half Street east between O and R Streets south, and in R Street south to the Eastern Branch of the Potomac River, or in P Street south to First Street east, thence in First Street east to the Eastern Branch of the Potomac River, as may be prescribed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Streets named.

Sec. 2. That all the construction and use provided for herein shall be under such regulations and rentals as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may make in connection therewith: *Provided*, That the permission herein granted shall be exercised so as not to conflict or interfere with any pipe line or lines for the carriage of petroleum and its products now permitted to occupy either of the streets hereinbefore mentioned.

Regulations, etc., by commissioners.

*Proviso.*  
Existing permits not disturbed.

Sec. 3. That the Congress reserves the right to amend, alter, or repeal this Act at any time.

Amendment.

Approved, February 5, 1927.

**CHAP. 66.—An Act To promote the mining of potash on the public domain.**

February 7, 1927.  
[H. R. 5243.]  
[Public, No. 579.]

*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 is hereby authorized, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to grant to any qualified applicant a prospecting permit which shall give the exclusive right to prospect for chlorides, sulphates, carbonates, borates, silicates, or nitrates of potassium in lands belonging to the United States for a period of not exceeding two years: *Provided*, That the area to be included in such a permit shall not exceed two thousand five hundred and sixty acres of land in reasonably compact form: *Provided further*, That the prospecting provisions of this Act shall not apply to lands and deposits in or adjacent to Searles Lake, California, which lands may be leased by the Secretary of the Interior under the terms and provisions of this Act.

Potash.  
Permits to prospect for salts of potassium on public lands.  
*Act*, p. 768.

*Post*, p. 1220.

*Proviso.*  
Area limited.

Searles Lake, Calif. excepted.

Sec. 2. That upon showing to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior that valuable deposits of one of the substances enumerated in this Act has been discovered by the permittee within the area covered by his permit, and that such land is chiefly valuable therefor, the permittee shall be entitled to a lease for any or all of the land embraced in the prospecting permit, at a royalty of not less than 2 per centum of the quantity or gross value of the output of potassium compounds and other related products, except sodium, at the point of shipment to market, such lease to be taken in compact form by legal subdivisions of the public land surveys, or if the land be not surveyed, by survey executed at the cost of the permittee in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Lease to permittee on discovery.

Royalty.

Sec. 3. That lands known to contain valuable deposits enumerated in this Act and not covered by permits or leases shall be held subject to lease by the Secretary of the Interior through advertisement, competitive bidding, or such other methods as he may by general regulations adopt, and in such areas as he shall fix, not exceeding two thousand five hundred and sixty acres; all leases to be conditioned upon the payment by the lessee of such royalty as may be fixed in the lease, not less than 2 per centum of the quantity or gross value of the output of potassium compounds and other related products, except sodium, at the point of shipment to market, and the payment in advance of a rental of 25 cents per acre for the first calendar year or fraction thereof; 50 cents per acre for the second, third, fourth, and fifth years, respectively; and \$1 per acre per annum thereafter during the continuance of the lease, such rental for any year being credited against royalties accruing for that year. Leases under this Act shall be for a period of 20 years, with preferential right in the lessee to renew the same for successive periods of ten years upon such reasonable terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, unless otherwise provided

Leases of lands with known deposits of potassium salts.

Rates of royalty, except sodium.

Rental.

Term of lease.