

lands benefited exceed \$67.50: *Provided further*, That all present water rights now appurtenant to the approximately eight thousand three hundred and forty-six acres of irrigated Pueblo lands owned individually or as pueblos under the proposed plans of the district, and all water for the domestic purposes of the Indians and for their stock shall be prior and paramount to any rights of the district or of any property holder therein, which priority so defined shall be recognized and protected in the agreement between the Secretary of the Interior and the said Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, and the water rights for the newly reclaimed lands shall be recognized as equal to those of like district lands and be protected from discrimination in the division and use of water, and such water rights, old as well as new, shall not be subject to loss by nonuse or abandonment thereof so long as title to said lands shall remain in the Indians individually or as pueblos or in the United States, and such irrigated area of approximately 8,346 acres shall not be subject by the district or otherwise to any pro rata share of the cost of future operation and maintenance or betterment work performed by the district. The share of the cost paid the district on behalf of the Indian lands under the agreement herein authorized, including any sum paid to the district from the funds authorized to be appropriated by the Act of February 14, 1927 (Forty-fourth Statutes at Large, page 1098), shall be reimbursed to the United States under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided*, That such reimbursement shall be made only from the proceeds of leases of the newly reclaimed pueblo lands whether leased by Indians or others, Indians, however, to be given the preference in the making of such leases, and the proceeds of such leases to be applied, first, to the reimbursement of the cost of the works apportioned to said irrigated area of approximately 8,346 acres: *Provided further*, That as to not to exceed 4,000 acres of such newly reclaimed lands if cultivated by Indians no rentals shall be charged the Indians: *Provided further*, That there is hereby created against the newly reclaimed lands a first lien for the amount of the cost of the works apportioned to such newly reclaimed lands which lien shall not be enforced during the period that the title to such lands remains in the pueblo or individual Indian ownership: *Provided further*, That said Secretary of the Interior, through the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, or his duly authorized agent, shall be recognized by said district in all matters pertaining to its operation in the same ratio that the Indian lands bear to the total area of lands within the district, and that the district books and records shall be available at all times for inspection by said representative.

Approved, March 13, 1928.

Protection of present water rights, domestic supply, etc.

Recognition of water rights on newly reclaimed land.

Area not subject to cost of future operation, etc.

Reimbursement of share of cost from Indian funds.

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From leases of newly reclaimed pueblo lands.

No rentals if cultivated by Indians.

Lien for cost of work, not enforced against pueblo lands or on Indian ownership.

Recognition of authority of Secretary of Interior.

**CHAP. 220.**—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the Highway Department of the State of Tennessee to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Clinch River on the Sneedville-Rogersville Road in Hancock County, Tennessee.

*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 Highway Department of the State of Tennessee to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Clinch River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, on the Sneedville-Rogersville Road in Hancock County, in the State of Tennessee, in accordance with the

March 14, 1928.  
[H. R. 9233.]  
[Public, No. 170.]

Clinch River.  
Tennessee may  
bridge, in Hancock  
County.

Construction.  
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Rates of toll applied  
to operation, sinking  
fund, etc.

Maintenance as free  
bridge, etc., after  
amortizing costs.

Record of expendi-  
tures and receipts.

Former Act repealed.  
Vol. 44, p. 1271, re-  
pealed.

Amendment.

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.

SEC. 2. If tolls are charged for the use of such bridge, the rates of tolls shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches under economical management, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of the bridge and its approaches, including reasonable interest and financing cost, as soon as possible under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed twenty-five years from the completion thereof. After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization shall have been so 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 maintenance, repair, and operation of the bridge and its approaches under economical management. An accurate record of the costs of the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same, and of the daily tolls collected, shall be kept and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

SEC. 3. The Act of Congress approved March 2, 1927, for the construction of a bridge by the Highway Department of the State of Tennessee across the Clinch River on the Sneedville-Rogersville Road in Hancock County, Tennessee, is hereby repealed.

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

Approved, March 14, 1928.

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[H. R. 9843.]

[Public, No. 171.]

**CHAP. 221.**—An Act To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Kanawha River in or near Henderson, West Virginia, to a point opposite thereto in or near Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

Kanawha River.  
Time extended for  
bridging, from Hender-  
son to Point Pleasant,  
W. Va.  
Vol. 44, p. 1267,  
amended.  
Post, p. 1525.

*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 March 2, 1927, to be built across the Kanawha River in or near Henderson, West Virginia, to a point opposite thereto in or near Point Pleasant, West Virginia, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of approval hereof.

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

Approved, March 14, 1928.

March 15, 1928.

[S. 2342.]

[Public, No. 172.]

**CHAP. 222.**—An Act Providing for a per capita payment of \$25 to each enrolled member of the Chippewa Tribe of Minnesota from the funds standing to their credit in the Treasury of the United States.

Chippewa Indians,  
Minn.  
Per capita payment  
from principal fund.  
Vol. 25, p. 645.

*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 be, and he is hereby, authorized to withdraw from the Treasury of the United States so much as may be necessary of the principal fund on deposit to the credit of the Chippewa Indians in the State of Minnesota, arising under section 7 of the Act of January 14, 1889 (Twenty-fifth Statutes at Large, page 642), entitled "An