

and culverts, and to make other improvements necessary for public highway purposes: *Provided*, That the city of Vancouver shall perform at its own cost and expense such work as the Secretary of War may require for the protection of or to prevent interference with the use of any underground or other improvements on said reservation which may be affected by the construction and maintenance of said highway.

Proviso.
City to pay cost for protection of reservation improvements, etc.

SEC. 2. No part of the property granted and conveyed by the Secretary of War for the purposes aforesaid shall be used for any other than highway purposes, and when said property shall cease to be so used it shall revert to the United States of America: *Provided*, That the United States at all times shall have the right to pass over or across said highway for gaining access to the Columbia River or for any other purpose and, in case of an emergency, may assume control of, hold, use, and occupy, temporarily or otherwise, without consent or leave from the city of Vancouver, any or all of said property and highway for any governmental purposes. And the United States shall not be or become liable for any damages or compensation whatever to the city of Vancouver for any future use by the United States for the aforesaid purposes of any or all of said property and highway.

Reversion for nonuser.

Proviso.
Right for Government use, etc., retained.

No Government liability for damages, etc.

Approved, February 13, 1928.

CHAP. 42.—An Act To authorize appropriations for construction at the Pacific Branch, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles County, California, and for other purposes.

February 13, 1928.
[H. R. 164.]
[Public, No. 26.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$200,000 to be expended for the construction and installment at the Pacific Branch, Soldiers' Home, Los Angeles County, California, of one general mess building with bakery and equipment and such utilities and appurtenances thereto as in the judgment of the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers may be necessary.

Santa Monica, Calif.
Construction authorized of buildings at Volunteer Soldiers' Home.

Approved, February 13, 1928.

CHAP. 52.—An Act Authorizing and directing the Secretary of War to lend to the Governor of Arkansas five thousand canvas cots, ten thousand blankets, ten thousand bed sheets, five thousand pillows, five thousand pillow-cases, and five thousand mattresses or bed sacks to be used at the encampment of the United Confederate Veterans to be held at Little Rock, Arkansas, in May, 1928.

February 14, 1928.
[H. R. 7013.]
[Public, No. 27.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to lend, at his discretion, to the entertainment committee of the United Confederate Veterans, whose encampment is to be held at Little Rock, Arkansas, in the month of May, 1928, five thousand canvas cots, ten thousand blankets, ten thousand bed sheets, five thousand pillows, five thousand pillow-cases, and five thousand mattresses or bed sacks: *Provided*, That no expense shall be caused the United States Government by the delivery and return of said property, the same to be delivered at such time prior to the holding of said encampment as may be agreed upon by the Secretary of War and the chairman of said entertainment committee, Mr. E. R. Wiles: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of War before delivering said property, shall take from said E. R.

United Confederate Veterans.
Loan of Army cots, etc., for reunion of, at Little Rock, Ark.

Provisos.
No Government expense.

Bond required.

Wiles a good and sufficient bond for the safe return of said property in good order and condition and the whole without expense to the United States.

Approved, February 14, 1928.

February 15, 1928.

[H. R. 6045.]

[Public, No. 28.]

CHAP. 53.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the commissioners of Mahoning County, Ohio, to reconstruct, maintain, and operate the existing bridge across the Mahoning River at South Avenue, Youngstown, Mahoning County, Ohio.

Mahoning River.
Mahoning County,
Ohio, may reconstruct
bridge across, at
Youngstown.

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 commissioners of Mahoning County, Ohio, to reconstruct, maintain, and operate the existing bridge, together with the necessary approaches thereto, across the Mahoning River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near South Avenue, Youngstown, Mahoning County, Ohio, 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.
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Amendment.

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

Approved, February 15, 1928.

February 15, 1928.

[H. R. 6099.]

[Public, No. 29.]

CHAP. 54.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the States of New York and Vermont to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across Lake Champlain between Crown Point, New York, and Chimney Point, Vermont.

Lake Champlain.
New York and Ver-
mont may bridge, be-
tween Crown Point,
N. Y., and Chimney
Point, Vt.

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 States of New York and Vermont, their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across Lake Champlain at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, between Crown Point, New York, and Chimney Point, Vermont, in accordance with the provisions of an 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.

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

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the States of New York and Vermont, 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 located, 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 pro-
ceedings.

Tolls authorized.

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SEC. 3. The said States of New York and Vermont, 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.

Rates of toll to
provide for operation,
sinking fund, 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