

CHAP. 210.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Navy, in his discretion, to deliver to the custody of Naval Post 110 of the American Legion the bell of the battleship Connecticut.

February 15, 1929.
[H. R. 12607.]
[Public, No. 754.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is authorized, in his discretion, to deliver to the custody of Naval Post 110 of the American Legion, for preservation and exhibition the bell which was in use on the battleship Connecticut: *Provided,* That no expenses shall be incurred by the United States for the delivery of such bell.

"Connecticut," Battleship.
Bell of, delivered to Naval Post 110, American Legion.

Proviso.
No Federal expense.

Approved, February 15, 1929.

CHAP. 211.—An Act Authorizing the Rio Grande del Norte Investment Company, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Rio Grande at or near San Benito, Texas.

February 15, 1929.
[H. R. 14453.]
[Public, No. 755.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate international commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the Rio Grande del Norte Investment Company, its successors and assigns, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Rio Grande, so far as the United States has jurisdiction over the waters of such river, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near San Benito, Texas, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act, and subject to the approval of the proper authorities in Mexico.

Rio Grande.
Rio Grande del Norte Investment Company may bridge, at San Benito, Tex.

Construction.
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Approval of Mexico required.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the Rio Grande del Norte Investment 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 in the State of Texas 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 of Texas 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 for public purposes in such State.

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

Condemnation proceeding.

Tolls authorized.

SEC. 3. The said Rio Grande del Norte Investment Company, its successors and assigns, is hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge in accordance with any laws of Texas applicable thereto, 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.

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SEC. 4. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to the Rio Grande del Norte Investment 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.

Right to sell, etc., conferred.

SEC. 5. If such bridge shall at any time be taken over or acquired by the State of Texas or by any municipality or other public subdivision, or public agency thereof, by purchase, condemnation, or expropriation, the amount of damages or compensation to be allowed shall not include good will, going value, or prospective revenues

Compensation if acquired by Texas, etc., by condemnation, etc.