

June 5, 1930.

[H. R. 9996.]

[Public, No. 305.]

**CHAP. 400.**—An Act To amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to settle claims and suits against the District of Columbia," approved February 11, 1929.

District of Columbia. Claims against, to be settled by the Commissioners. Vol. 45, p. 1160, amended.

Negligent acts, etc., of employees, whether or not on official duty.

*Proviso.* Defense of District to any suit allowed.

Not applicable to prior suits.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That subsection (a) of section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to settle claims and suits against the District of Columbia," approved February 11, 1929, be, and the same hereby is, amended to read as follows:

"(a) Arises out of the negligence or wrongful act, either of commission or omission, of any officer or employee of the District of Columbia for whose negligence or acts the District of Columbia, if a private individual would be liable prima facie to respond in damages, irrespective of whether such negligence occurred or such acts were done in the performance of a municipal or a governmental function of said District: *Provided, however,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed as depriving the District of Columbia of any defense it may have to any suit, either at law or in equity, which may be instituted against it or to give any person, corporation, partnership, or association any right to institute any suit against the District of Columbia which did not exist prior to the passage of this Act."

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[H. R. 9439.]

[Public, No. 306.]

**CHAP. 401.**—An Act To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Kanawha River between Henderson and Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

Kanawha River. Time extended for bridging, at Henderson, W. Va.

Vol. 44, p. 1267; Vol. 45, pp. 314, 1525, amended.

Amendment.

*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 a bridge across the Kanawha River between a point in or near the town of Henderson, West Virginia, and a point opposite thereto in or near the city of Point Pleasant, Mason County, West Virginia, authorized to be built by Henderson Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1927, heretofore extended by Acts of Congress approved March 14, 1928, and March 2, 1929, are hereby further extended one and three years, respectively, from March 2, 1930.

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

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[H. R. 10480.]

[Public, No. 307.]

**CHAP. 402.**—An Act To authorize the settlement of the indebtedness of the German Reich to the United States on account of the awards of the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany, and the costs of the United States army of occupation.

Germany. Agreement with, for settlement of indebtedness of, to the United States.

Terms.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury, with the approval of the President, is hereby authorized to conclude an agreement for the settlement of the indebtedness of the German Reich (hereinafter referred to as Germany) to the United States of America under the terms and conditions set forth in Senate Document Numbered 95, Seventy-first Congress, second session. The general terms of the agreement shall be as follows:

(1) **MIXED CLAIMS.**—Germany shall pay in full satisfaction of its obligations remaining unpaid on account of awards, including interest thereon, entered and to be entered by the Mixed Claims Commission, United States and Germany, an aggregate amount of 2,121,600,000 reichsmarks to be evidenced by bonds of Germany which shall be dated September 1, 1929, and, except for the first which shall mature March 31, 1930, shall be paid in semiannual installments beginning September 30, 1930, and continuing up to and including March 31, 1981, subject, however, to the right of Germany to make such payments in three-year periods, any postponed payments to bear interest at 5 per centum per annum, payable semiannually. The obligations of Germany hereinabove set forth in this paragraph shall cease as soon as all the payments contemplated by the Settlement of War Claims Act of 1928 have been completed and the bonds not then matured evidencing such obligations shall be canceled and returned to Germany.

Mixed claims.  
Aggregate amount.

Bonds to be issued for, payable in semiannual installments from September 1, 1929, to March 31, 1981.

Three-year periods allowed; interest.

Obligations to cease when all payments made under Settlement of War Claims Act, completed.  
Vol. 45, p. 254.

(2) **ARMY COSTS ARREARS.**—Germany shall pay in full reimbursement of the amounts remaining due on account of the costs of the United States army of occupation an aggregate amount of 1,048,100,000 reichsmarks to be evidenced by bonds of Germany which shall be dated September 1, 1929, and, except for the first, which shall mature March 31, 1930, shall be paid in semiannual installments beginning September 30, 1930, and continuing up to and including March 31, 1966, subject, however, to the right of Germany to make such payments in three-year periods, any postponed payments to bear interest at 3½ per centum per annum, payable semiannually.

United States Army of Occupation.

Aggregate cost thereof.

Bonds to be issued for, payable in semiannual installments from September 1, 1929, to March 31, 1966.

Three year periods allowed; interest.

Prior payments allowed.

(3) In addition to the payment of the bonds maturing on March 31 or September 30 of any year Germany shall have the right on such dates to make payments on account of any unmatured bonds of either series under such conditions as to notice or otherwise as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

(4) All bonds issued hereunder shall be payable in United States gold coin in an amount in dollars equivalent to the amount due in reichsmarks. Germany shall undertake for the purposes of the Agreement that the reichsmark shall have and shall retain a mint parity of 1/2790 kilogram of fine gold.

Bonds payable in gold coin.

Mint parity of reichsmark retained.

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**CHAP. 403.**—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the State of New York to construct, maintain, and operate a highway bridge across the Hudson River at or near Catskill, Greene County, New York.

June 5, 1930.

[H. R. 11430.]

[Public, No. 308.]

*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 New York to construct, maintain, and operate a highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Hudson River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Catskill, Greene County, New York, 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.

Hudson River.  
New York may  
bridge, at Catskill,  
N. Y.

Construction.  
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Sec. 2. If tolls are charged for the use of such bridge, the rates of toll 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

Toll rates adjusted to provide for operation, sinking fund, etc.