

ment as have been or shall be legally constituted for the study, advancement, and benefit of agriculture, commerce, and other industries; the chief purpose of this department being to foster, promote, and develop the agricultural interests and the welfare of the farmers of Porto Rico; to improve their market conditions, and to advance their opportunities for profitable sale of their products, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law."

Authority and duties.

SEC. 3. That between sections 18 and 19 of said Organic Act, approved March 2, 1917, a new section is hereby inserted to read as follows:

New section.
Vol. 39, p. 957.

"SEC. 18 (a). That the Commissioner of Labor shall have charge of such bureaus and branches of government as have been or shall be legally constituted to foster and promote the welfare of the wage earners of Porto Rico; to improve their working conditions, and to advance their opportunities for profitable employment, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law."

Commissioner of Labor.
Authority and duties.

Approved, February 18, 1931.

CHAP. 219.—An Act To extend the time for construction of a free highway bridge across the Sabine River where Louisiana Highway Numbered 21 meets Texas Highway Numbered 45.

February 18, 1931.
[S. 5456.]

[Public, No. 678.]

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 authorized by Act of Congress approved January 29, 1929, to be built by the State of Louisiana and the State of Texas across the Sabine River where Louisiana Highway Numbered 21 meets Texas Highway Numbered 45, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of approval hereof.

Sabine River.
Time extended for bridging, between Vernon Parish, La., and Newton County, Tex.
Vol. 45, p. 1083, amended.

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

Amendment.

Approved, February 18, 1931.

CHAP. 220.—An Act Authorizing the State of Louisiana and the State of Texas to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Sabine River where Louisiana Highway Numbered 6 meets Texas Highway Numbered 21.

February 18, 1931.
[S. 5457.]

[Public, No. 679.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the Louisiana Highway Commission and the State Highway Commission of Texas be, and are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Sabine River, between Sabine Parish, Louisiana and Sabine County, Texas, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, where Louisiana Highway Numbered 6 meets Texas Highway Numbered 21, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Sabine River.
Louisiana and Texas may bridge, between Sabine Parish, La., and Sabine County, Tex.

Location.

Construction.
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SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the Louisiana Highway Commission, and the State Highway Commission of Texas 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

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

Condemnation proceedings.

the State in which such real estate or other property is situated, 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.

Amendment.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 18, 1931.

February 18, 1931.
[S. 5519.]
[Public, No. 680.]

CHAP. 221.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company to construct, maintain, and operate a railroad bridge across the Tennessee River at or near Danville, Tennessee.

Tennessee River.
Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company may bridge, at Danville, Tenn.

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 Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a railroad bridge and approaches thereto across the Tennessee River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Danville, Tennessee, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

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

SEC. 2. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, its successors and assigns; and any party 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 to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such party.

Condemnation proceedings.

Amendment.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 18, 1931.

February 18, 1931.
[S. 5688.]
[Public, No. 681.]

CHAP. 222.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the State of New Hampshire to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge or dike across Little Bay at or near Fox Point.

Little Bay.
New Hampshire may construct a bridge or dike across, at Fox Point.

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 Hampshire to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge or dike and approaches thereto across the Little Bay at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Fox Point, 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.

Construction.
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Tolls applied to operation, sinking fund, etc.

SEC. 2. If tolls are charged for the use of such bridge or dike, 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 or dike and its approaches under economical management, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of the bridge or dike and its approaches, including reasonable interest and financing cost, as soon as possible under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed thirty years from the completion thereof. After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization shall have been so provided, such bridge or dike shall thereafter be main-

Maintenance as free bridge after amortizing costs.