

Proclamation of law relating to export taxes.

Retention of laws relating to sinking fund and currency.

Effective date and duration of section 1; condition.

Status of trade relations if section 1 ineffective.

48 Stat. 459, 464.  
48 U. S. C. §§ 1236, 1243.  
*Ante*, p. 1231.

Effective date of sections 6 and 7.

48 Stat. 462.  
48 U. S. C. § 1238.  
Assignment of Foreign Service officers to the Philippines.

Assistance to U. S. High Commissioner.

48 Stat. 457.  
48 U. S. C. § 1232.

Effective date of section.

(2) The President of the United States shall have found and proclaimed that the Philippine Government has enacted, subsequent to the adoption of the amendments to the Constitution of the Philippines (as provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection), a law relating to export taxes (as provided in section 1), and has retained those Philippine laws relating to sinking-fund and currency matters which were in effect on May 20, 1938.

(b) Section 1 of this amendatory Act shall remain in full force and effect from the effective date thereof until July 4, 1946, unless the President of the United States shall, prior to July 4, 1946, have found and proclaimed that the Philippine Government has, in any substantial respect, repealed or amended, or failed or refused to enforce or administer any Philippine law referred to in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section. In the event of such a finding and proclamation, section 1 shall immediately become ineffective and trade relations between the United States and the Philippines shall be as provided by section 6 of the Act of March 24, 1934, prior to the enactment of this amendatory Act and by section 13 of the said Act.

(c) Sections 6 and 7 of this amendatory Act shall become effective upon its enactment.

SEC. 8. Notwithstanding the provisions contained in section 8 (a) (3) of the Act of March 24, 1934 (48 Stat. 456), entitled "An Act to provide for the complete independence of the Philippine Islands, to provide for the adoption of a constitution and a form of government for the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes", Foreign Service officers may, under commissions as diplomatic and consular officers, be assigned to the Philippine Islands, during which assignments such officers shall be considered as stationed in a foreign country, for such periods of time and under such regulations as the Secretary of State may prescribe for the performance of any of the duties customarily performed by Foreign Service officers stationed in foreign countries and of additional duties in connection with advising and assisting the United States High Commissioner to the Philippine Islands in the supervision and control of the foreign affairs of the Commonwealth of the Philippines in accordance with section 2 (a) (10) of the Act approved March 24, 1934, and section 1 (10) of the ordinance appended to the constitution of the Philippines adopted February 8, 1935.

This section shall become effective upon its enactment.

Approved, August 7, 1939.

[CHAPTER 503]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the State of Connecticut, acting by and through any agency or commission thereof, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Connecticut River at or near Hartford, Connecticut.

*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 Connecticut, acting by and through any agency or commission thereof, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Connecticut River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Hartford, in accordance with the 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.

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[H. R. 6353]  
[Public, No. 301]

Connecticut River.  
Bridge authorized  
across, at Hartford,  
Conn.

34 Stat. 84.  
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-  
498.

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 interest at a rate of not to exceed 5 per centum per annum and reasonable financing cost, as approved by the Commissioner of Public Roads, 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. An accurate record of the costs of the bridge and its approaches, the expenditure 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 right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, August 7, 1939.

[CHAPTER 504]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the Secretary of the Interior, the State of Washington, and the Great Northern Railway Company to construct, maintain, and operate either a combined highway and railroad bridge or two separate bridges across the Columbia River, at or near Kettle Falls, Washington.

*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 Secretary of the Interior, the State of Washington, the Great Northern Railway Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and their successors and assigns, jointly or separately, to construct, maintain, and operate either a combined highway and railroad bridge or two separate bridges, one to be a highway bridge and one a railroad bridge, across the Columbia River at a point or points suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Kettle Falls, and between Ferry County and Stevens County, Washington, in accordance with the 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. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, August 7, 1939.

[CHAPTER 505]

AN ACT

Authorizing the village of Cassville, Wisconsin, or its assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Cassville, Wisconsin, and to a place at or near the village of Guttenberg, Iowa.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in order to promote interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the village of Cassville, Wisconsin, or its assigns, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi

Application of tolls to maintenance, sinking fund, etc.

Maintenance as free bridge after amortizing costs, etc.  
Record of expenditures and receipts.

Amendment.

August 7, 1939  
[H. R. 6271]  
[Public, No. 302]

Columbia River.  
Bridge authorized across, at Kettle Falls, Wash.

34 Stat. 84.  
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-498.

Amendment.

August 7, 1939  
[H. R. 6049]  
[Public, No. 303]

Mississippi River.  
Bridge authorized across, at Cassville, Wis.