

Clinton, Clinton County, Iowa, or any county or municipality in the State of Illinois, whereby the commission may receive financial aid in the construction or maintenance of the bridge or bridges and approaches thereto, and said commission in its discretion may avail itself of all of the facilities of the State Highway Commission of the State of Iowa and the Department of Highways of the State of Illinois with regard to the construction of said proposed bridge or bridges, and the commission may make and enter into any contract or contracts which it deems expedient and proper with the State Highway Commission of Iowa and the Department of Highways of Illinois, whereby said highway departments or either of them may construct, operate, and maintain or participate with the commission in the construction, operation, and maintenance of said bridge or bridges and approaches to be constructed hereunder. It is hereby declared to be the purpose of Congress to facilitate the construction of a bridge and proper approaches across the Mississippi River at or near Clinton, Iowa, and Fulton, Illinois, and to authorize the commission to promote said object and purposes, with full power to contract with either the State Highway Commission of Iowa or the Department of Highways of Illinois, or with any agency or department of the Federal Government, or both, in relation to the purchase or condemnation, construction, operation, and maintenance of said bridges and approaches.

Contracts.

Purpose of Congress.

Restriction on incurring of liabilities, etc.

Design, specifications, etc.

Construction, etc.

SEC. 12. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize or permit the commission, or any member thereof, to create any obligation or incur any liability other than such obligations and liabilities as are dischargeable solely from funds contemplated to be provided by this Act. No obligation created or liability incurred pursuant to this Act shall be a personal obligation or liability of any member or members of the commission, but shall be chargeable solely to the funds herein provided, nor shall any indebtedness created pursuant to this Act be an indebtedness of the United States.

SEC. 13. The design and construction of any bridge which may be built pursuant to this Act shall be in accordance with the standard specifications for highway bridges adopted by the American Association of State Highway officials, and the location and design of any such bridge shall be subject to approval by the highway departments of the States of Iowa and Illinois.

SEC. 14. Any bridge or bridges constructed, acquired, or reconstructed under authority of this Act shall be constructed, maintained, and operated in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906. By reason of the commission hereinbefore created being a public body the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 and of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, and any amendments to either or both of said Acts, shall not apply to bonds authorized to be issued by this Act.

SEC. 15. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved December 21, 1944.

[CHAPTER 634]

AN ACT

To repeal the Acts of August 15, 1935, and January 29, 1940, relating to the establishment of the Patrick Henry National Monument and the acquisition of the estate of Patrick Henry, in Charlotte County, Virginia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment of a national

December 21, 1944

[S. 1819]

[Public Law 527]

Patrick Henry National Monument, Va.
Repeals.

monument on the site of Red Hill estate of Patrick Henry", approved August 15, 1935, and the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the acquisition by the United States of the estate of Patrick Henry in Charlotte County, Virginia, known as Red Hill", approved January 29, 1940, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to cover into the surplus fund of the Treasury the unexpended balances of all amounts heretofore appropriated for the purposes of such Acts of August 15, 1935, and January 29, 1940.

Approved December 21, 1944.

49 Stat. 652.
16 U. S. C. §§ 4507-450k.

54 Stat. 18.
Unexpended bal-
ances.

[CHAPTER 635]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the disposal of certain blood plasma reserves.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the reserves of liquid, frozen, or dry-blood plasma or serum albumin established from funds appropriated under the heading "Emergency funds for the President" in the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1942, or from funds appropriated for emergency health and sanitation activities (national defense) under the heading "Public Health Service" in the Labor-Federal Security Appropriation Act, 1943, and required by law to be held in reserve for casualties resulting from enemy action as the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service determines are no longer needed for the purpose for which established or are likely to become ineffective prior to use if kept in reserve, may be disposed of by such Surgeon General by transfer or release to Federal, State, or local public-health authorities or to Federal or other public or nonprofit hospitals: *Provided,* That any cost incidental to such transfer shall be borne by the transferee.

Approved December 21, 1944.

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[S. J. Res. 148]
[Public Law 528]

Disposal of certain
blood plasma reserves.

55 Stat. 94.

56 Stat. 583.

[CHAPTER 660]

AN ACT

Making appropriations to supply deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, and for prior fiscal years, and to provide supplemental appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1945, and June 30, 1946, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, and for prior fiscal years, and to provide supplemental appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1945 and 1946, and for other purposes, as follows:

December 22, 1944
[H. R. 5587]
[Public Law 529]

First Supplemental
Appropriation Act,
1945.

TITLE I—GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

LEGISLATIVE

SENATE

For payment to Annie Farley Smith, widow of Ellison D. Smith, late a Senator from the State of South Carolina, \$10,000.

Office of the Vice President: Beginning January 20, 1945, the allowance for clerical assistance to the Vice President hereby is increased from \$11,460 to \$15,420 per annum, the necessary additional

Clerical assistance.