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To provide for the expansion of the Starr–Camargo Bridge near Rio Grande City, Texas, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 16, 2023

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. KELLY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Starr–Camargo Bridge
5 Expansion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STARR–CAMARGO BRIDGE.**

7 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The first section of Public
8 Law 87–532 (76 Stat. 153; 130 Stat. 411) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

1 (A) by inserting “and expand” after “con-
2 struct”;

3 (B) by inserting “, including the expansion
4 and addition of adjacent spans to the existing
5 international bridge,” after “thereto”;

6 (C) by inserting “multimodal toll” after
7 “14”;

8 (D) by striking “to maintain” and insert-
9 ing “and to maintain, control,”; and

10 (E) by striking “such bridge” and insert-
11 ing “those bridges”; and

12 (2) in subsection (b), in the matter preceding
13 paragraph (1), by inserting “expansion,” after “con-
14 struction,”.

15 (b) RIGHTS OF STARR–CAMARGO BRIDGE COMPANY
16 AND SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.—Section 3(a) of Public
17 Law 87–532 (76 Stat. 153; 130 Stat. 411) is amended
18 by inserting “, as needed for the location, construction,
19 expansion, control, operation, and maintenance of the
20 bridges referred to in subsection (a)(2) at or near Rio
21 Grande City, Texas” after “chapter 466)”.

22 (c) SUNSET.—Section 5 of Public Law 87–532 (76
23 Stat. 153; 130 Stat. 411) is amended—

1 (1) by inserting “by the Starr–Camargo Bridge
2 Company and its successors and assigns” after
3 “constructed”;

4 (2) by striking “three” and inserting “60”;

5 (3) by striking “five” and inserting “65”; and

6 (4) by striking “date of enactment of this Act”
7 and inserting “date of enactment of the Starr–
8 Camargo Bridge Expansion Act”.

9 (d) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this section or
10 the amendments made by this section—

11 (1) grants new rights or duties to the San Be-
12 nito International Bridge Company (known as the
13 “Free Trade International Bridge” as of the date of
14 enactment of this Act); or

15 (2) alters, repeals, or voids any rights or duties
16 held by the San Benito International Bridge Com-
17 pany (known as the “Free Trade International
18 Bridge” as of the date of enactment of this Act)
19 under Public Law 87–532 (76 Stat. 153; 130 Stat.
20 411), as in effect on the day before the date of en-
21 actment of this Act.

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