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BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIO GRANDE, NEAR TORNILLO, TEX.

FEBRUARY 10, 1925.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. RAYBURN, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 11818]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11818) granting the consent of Congress to the construction of a bridge across the Rio Grande, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it pass.

The bill has the approval of the War, State, and Agriculture Departments, as will appear by the letters attached and which are made a part of this report.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *January 27, 1925.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill, H. R. 11818, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, granting the consent of Congress to the construction of a bridge across the Rio Grande.

On account of the international character of the Rio Grande at the site of the proposed bridge, being the boundary between the United States and Mexico, the consent of Congress is necessary for the construction of a bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, January 28, 1925.

Hon. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,
Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 22, 1925, inclosing a copy of H. R. 11818, authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Rio Grande near the town of Tornillo, Tex., and asking for an expression of my views thereon.

In reply I beg to say that, from the standpoint of international relations, no objection is seen to the passage of the bill in question.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,

CHARLES E. HUGHES.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, January 29, 1925.

Hon. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,
Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. WINSLOW: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 22 inclosing a copy of H. R. 11818 for report thereon and for such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize the parties named therein and their associates, successors, and assigns to build and operate a bridge across the Rio Grande River at or near a point 2 miles south of the town of Tornillo, Tex., in the county of El Paso, subject to the consent and approval of the Republic of Mexico. A very important route on the system of Federal-aid highways approved for Texas runs through the town of Tornillo, more or less parallel to the Rio Grande, to El Paso and beyond. However, the proposed bridge would be an international bridge, and, therefore, there does not seem to be any objection to favorable action on the bill from the standpoint of this department.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*

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