
BRIDGE ACROSS THE FOX RIVER

JANUARY 7, 1926.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. COUZENS, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1808]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1808) granting the consent of Congress to the State of Illinois to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Fox River in the county of McHenry, State of Illinois, in section 18, township 43 north, range 9 east, of the third principal meridian, have considered the same and report thereon with amendments, and as so amended recommend that the bill do pass.

The bill thus amended has the approval of the Departments of War and Agriculture, as will appear by the annexed communications; the amendments referred to therein having been incorporated in the bill as reported.

On page 2, line 1, strike out entire section 2.

On page 2, line 5, strike out the figure "3" and substitute therefor the figure "2".

WAR DEPARTMENT, December 23, 1925.

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill, S. 1808, Sixty-ninth Congress, first session, "Granting the consent of Congress to the State of Illinois to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Fox River in the county of McHenry, State of Illinois, in section 18, township 43 north, range 9 east, of the third principal meridian," if amended as indicated in red thereon.

Section 2 has been eliminated for the reason that the general bridge act of March 23, 1906, specifies the times for commencing and completing the construction of bridges as one and three years, respectively, and it is thought inadvisable to change these limits except in unusual cases.

As the navigable portions of the Fox River do not lie within the limits of a single State the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and

harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of a bridge thereover.

HANFORD MACNIDER,
Acting Secretary of War.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, January 5, 1926.

Hon. WESLEY L. JONES,
*Chairman, Committee on Commerce,
United States Senate.*

DEAR SENATOR JONES: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 19 transmitting a copy of the bill S. 1808 with the request that the committee be furnished with such suggestions touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage as the department might deem appropriate.

This bill would authorize the State of Illinois to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Fox River, in the county of McHenry, State of Illinois, in sec. 18, T. 43 N., R. 9 E. of the third principal meridian. The location of the proposed bridge appears to be on a route embraced in the system of Federal-aid highways approved for the State of Illinois. Furthermore, the department is informed that the bridge, when constructed, will be free from tolls. From the standpoint of this department, therefore, favorable action upon the bill is recommended.

Sincerely,

R. W. DUNLAP, *Acting Secretary.*

