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BRIDGE ACROSS THE RED RIVER OF THE NORTH

JANUARY 16 (calendar day, JANUARY 23), 1926.—Ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 5565]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5565) granting the consent of Congress to the Civic Club of Grafton, N. Dak., to construct a bridge across the Red River of the North, having considered the same, report favorably thereon, and recommend that the bill do pass without amendment.

The bill has the approval of the Departments of War and Agriculture, as will appear by the annexed communication.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *December 22, 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. 5565, Sixty-ninth Congress, first session, granting the consent of Congress to the Civic Club, of Grafton, N. Dak., to construct a bridge across the Red River of the North.

As the navigable portions of the Red River of the North 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, December 29, 1925.

HON. JAMES S. PARKER,
*Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. PARKER. Careful consideration has been given to the bill (H. R. 5565) transmitted with your letter of December 17, with request for a report thereon and such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize the Civic Club of Grafton, N. Dak., and its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches across the Red River of the North at or near the highway on the section line between sections 12 and 13, T. 157 N., R. 51 W., Walsh County, N. Dak. The location of the proposed bridge is not on a highway embraced in the systems of Federal-aid highways approved for the States of Minnesota and North Dakota, and the department is advised that it will be operated as a free bridge when completed. The bill, therefore, is without objection in so far as this department is concerned.

Sincerely,

R. W. DUNLAP, *Acting Secretary.*

