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BRIDGE ACROSS COOSA RIVER NEAR PELL CITY, ALA.

MARCH 6 (calendar day, MARCH 8), 1926.—Ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 8537]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8537) granting the consent of Congress to the highway department of the State of Alabama to construct a bridge across the Coosa River near Pell City on the Pell City-Anniston road between St. Clair and Calhoun Counties, Ala., have considered the same and report thereon with an amendment, and as so amended, recommend that the bill do pass.

Amend the bill as follows:

In line 2, page 2, strike out the period, insert a colon, and add the following:

Provided, That such bridge shall not be constructed or commenced until the plans and specifications thereof shall have been submitted to and approved by the Secretary of War and the Chief of Engineers as being also satisfactory from the standpoint of the volume and weight of the traffic which will pass over it.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT, February 2, 1926.

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. 8537, 69th Cong., 1st sess.) granting the consent of Congress to the Highway Department of the State of Alabama to construct a bridge across the Coosa River near Pell City, on the Pell City-Anniston road, between St. Clair and Calhoun Counties, Ala.

As the navigable portions of the Coosa 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.

DWIGHT F. DAVIS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, February 2, 1926.

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. 8537, transmitted with your letter of January 29, with request for a report thereon and such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize the Highway Department of Alabama, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Coosa River at or near Pell City, on the Pell City-Anniston road, between St. Clair and Calhoun Counties. The location indicated for the proposed bridge is on the system of Federal-aid highways approved for the State of Alabama. The department is informed that the proposed bridge is contemplated for construction as a free bridge from the proceeds of a State bond issue to be submitted for ratification by the electors of the State. The bill, therefore, would appear to be without objection.

Sincerely

R. W. DUNLAP, *Acting Secretary.*