

BRIDGE ACROSS THE BLACK RIVER NEAR JONES-  
VILLE, LA.

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FEBRUARY 11, 1926.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 8137]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8137) granting the consent of Congress to the Louisiana Highway Commission to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Black River at or near Jonesville, La., having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it pass.

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT, *February 1, 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. 8137, 69th Cong., 1st sess.) granting the consent of Congress to the Louisiana Highway Commission to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Black River at or near Jonesville, La.

The Black River is in fact a part of the Ouachita River, and as the navigable portions of this waterway do not lie wholly 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 1, 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. 8137, transmitted with your letter of January 23, with request for a report thereon and such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize the State Highway Commission of Louisiana to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Black River, at or near Jonesville, La. The location indicated for the proposed bridge is on the system of Federal-aid highways approved for the State of Louisiana. The department is advised that the proposed bridge will be a free bridge. The bill, therefore, is without objection so far as this department is concerned.

Sincerely,

R. W. DUNLAP, *Acting Secretary.*

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