

BRIDGE ACROSS THE ROCK RIVER AT BELOIT, WIS.

MARCH 10, 1926.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. NEWTON of Minnesota, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 9393]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9393) authorizing the construction of a bridge across Rock River at the city of Beloit, county of Rock, State of Wisconsin, having considered the same, report thereon with amendment and as amended recommend 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.

Amend the bill as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after the words "That the" strike out the rest of the line and insert in lieu thereof the following: "times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge authorized by act of Congress approved February 17, 1925, to be built by the city of Beloit, Wis."

Page 1, lines 4 and 5, strike out the lines.

Page 1, line 6, strike out the word "thereto" and insert after the word "at" the words "or near."

Page 1, line 7, after the word "Beloit," strike out the rest of the line and insert in lieu thereof the following: "are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of approval hereof."

Page 1, strike out lines 8 and 9.

Amend the title so as to read:

To extend the time for the construction of a bridge across Rock River at the city of Beloit, county of Rock, State of Wisconsin.

WAR DEPARTMENT, February 24, 1926.

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

The accompanying bill (H. R. 9393, 69th Cong., 1st sess.) authorizing the construction of a bridge across Rock River at the city of Beloit, county of Rock,

State of Wisconsin, is in the usual form adopted by Congress for such measures. It is understood, however, that the bridge referred to in this bill is the same as that authorized by the act of Congress approved February 17, 1925, Public, No. 422, Sixty-eighth Congress. The time for commencing the construction of the bridge under that act, as implied by section 6 of the general bridge act of March 23, 1906, expired February 17, 1926. For the purpose of identification of authorities and simplification of record, it is preferable to extend the time limits of the existing act rather than to enact another bill authorizing the same bridge.

The bill herewith has been amended accordingly, and as thus amended I know of no objection to its favorable consideration.

DWIGHT F. DAVIS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, February 25, 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. 9393) transmitted with your letter of February 17 with request for a report thereon and such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize the city of Beloit, Rock County, Wis., to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across Rock River, at Portland Avenue in said city. The proposed bridge will not be on the system of Federal-aid highways approved for the State of Wisconsin. The department is advised that it will be a free bridge. From the standpoint of this department, therefore, favorable action upon the bill is recommended.

Sincerely,

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary.*