

BRIDGE ACROSS PERDIDO BAY FROM LILLIAN, ALA.,  
TO CUMMINGS POINT, FLA.

JANUARY 27, 1927.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 15822]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 15822) authorizing the county of Escambia, Fla., and/or the county of Baldwin, Ala., and/or the State of Florida, and/or the State of Alabama, to acquire all the rights and privileges granted to the Perdido Bay Bridge & Ferry Co. by chapter 168, approved June 22, 1916, for the construction of a bridge across Perdido Bay from Lillian, Ala., to Cummings Point, Fla., having considered the same, report thereon with amendments, and as so amended recommend that it pass.

Amend the bill as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following in lieu thereof:

That the Perdido Bay Bridge and Ferry Company is hereby authorized to sell, assign, and transfer all the rights and privileges granted to it by the act entitled "An act to authorize the Perdido Bay Bridge and Ferry Company, a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Alabama, to construct a bridge over and across Perdido Bay from Lillian, Baldwin County, Alabama, to Cummings Point, Escambia County, Florida," approved June 22, 1916, to the county of Escambia, Florida, or the county of Baldwin, Alabama, or the State of Florida, or the State of Alabama, or to any two or more of them jointly.

Sec. 2. If the rights and privileges granted by such act approved June 22, 1916, shall be acquired by any one or more of the parties designated in section 1, the bridge constructed under authority of said act shall thereafter be maintained in accordance with all the terms, provisions, and conditions of said act and shall be operated as a free bridge and no tolls shall be charged for the use thereof.

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *January 12, 1927.*

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. 15822, 69th Cong., 2d sess.), authorizing the county of Escambia, Fla., and/or the county of Baldwin, Ala., and/or the State of Florida, and/or the State of Alabama to acquire all the rights and privileges granted to the Perdido Bay Bridge & Ferry Co., by chapter 168, approved June 22, 1916, for the construction of a bridge across Perdido Bay from Lillian, Ala., to Cummings Point, Fla.

DWIGHT F. DAVIS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
*Washington, January 10, 1927.*

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. 15822) transmitted with your letter of January 5, with request for a report thereon and such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize the States of Alabama and Florida, and the counties of Baldwin and Escambia in said States, respectively, acting jointly or severally, to acquire from or through the Perdido Bay Bridge & Ferry Co. all rights and privileges granted to said company by the act of June 22, 1916 (Stat. L. vol. 39, p. 237), which act authorized said company to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across Perdido Bay from the town of Lillian, Baldwin County, Ala., to Cummings Point, Escambia County, Fla. The bill contains also a provision that after such rights and privileges are acquired the bridge constructed under authority of said act of June 22, 1916, shall be maintained and operated as a free bridge.

The bill is without objection so far as this department is concerned.

Sincerely,

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary.*

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