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BRIDGE ACROSS OHIO RIVER NEAR SHAWNEETOWN, ILL.

MAY 10, 1934.—Ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 8951]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 8951) authorizing the city of Shawneetown, Ill., to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Ohio River at or near a point between Washington Avenue and Monroe Street in said city of Shawneetown and a point opposite thereto in the county of Union and State of Kentucky, 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 report from the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, which is made a part hereof.

[H.Rept. No. 1293, 73d Cong., 2d sess.]

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Amend the bill as follows: Page 1, line 5, after the word "Illinois", insert the words "be and."

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

[Second endorsement]

WAR DEPARTMENT, April 11, 1934.

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. 8951,

73d Cong., 2d sess.), authorizing the city of Shawneetown, Ill., to construct a toll bridge across the Ohio River at or near a point between Washington Avenue and Monroe Street in said city of Shawneetown and a point opposite thereto in the county of Union and State of Kentucky.

GEO. H. DERN, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, D.C., April 10, 1934.

Hon. SAM RAYBURN,
*Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. RAYBURN: Careful consideration has been given to the bill, H.R. 8951, transmitted with your letter of April 4 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 Shawneetown, Ill., to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Ohio River from a point between Washington Avenue and Monroe Street, in the city of Shawneetown, to a point opposite in Union County, Ky. The city would be authorized to charge tolls for transit over such bridge, but the rates of such tolls would have to be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay reasonable maintenance, repair, and operating costs and create a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of such bridge and its approaches within a period not to exceed 30 years from its completion. After such sinking fund shall have been so provided, the bridge thereafter would be maintained and operated free of tolls or the rates of toll would be so adjusted as to provide only for maintenance, repair, and operation costs.

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

Sincerely yours,

R. G. TUGWELL, *Acting Secretary.*

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