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to be paid, and upon rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties; and equal privileges in the use of said bridge shall be granted to all telegraph and telephone companies.

Secretary of War to decide disagreements.

Use by telegraph companies, etc.

Lawful structure and post-route.

SEC. 11. That the bridge constructed, maintained, and operated under this act and according to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post-route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transportation over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States than the rate per mile paid for the transportation of said mails, troops, and munitions over the railroads and public highways leading to said bridge; and the United States shall have the right of way for postal telegraph and telephone purposes over said bridge.

Postal telegraph and telephone.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 12. That this act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within two years and completed within four years from the date of approval thereof.

Conditional repeal of former legislation. Vol. 25, p. 296.

SEC. 13. That all former acts or parts of acts granting authority for the erection of any bridge or bridges over the portion of said Columbia River over which the construction of a bridge is authorized by this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed in each and every case where actual construction of said bridge or bridges be not commenced on or before the date of the approval of this act.

Amendment.

SEC. 14. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved; and the right to require the entire removal of the bridge constructed under the provisions of this act at the expense of the owners thereof, whenever Congress shall decide that the public interests require it, is also expressly reserved.

Approved, March 24, 1890.

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CHAP. 47.—An act to amend the act giving the approval and sanction of Congress to the route and termini of the Anacostia and Potomac River Railroad in the District of Columbia.

Anacostia and Potomac River Railroad, in D. C., amended. Vol. 18, p. 328. Vol. 19, p. 26. Vol. 25, p. 353.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act giving the sanction and approval of Congress to the route and termini of the Anacostia and Potomac River Railroad, approved February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, amended March twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, and August first eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to authorize the said company to lay tracks and run cars thereon from the intersection of its tracks on M street south with Eleventh street east; along Eleventh street to its tracks on G street south. That the time for the completion of its track is extended one year. That in the construction of the tracks herein authorized the pattern of rail used shall be approved by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and that all rails laid under authority of this act shall be on a level with the surface of the street: *Provided* so much of the act of August first eighteen hundred and eighty-eight as authorized the company herein named to lay its tracks on Seventh street east between M street and G is hereby repealed.

Change of route.

Extension of time.

Approval of rail, etc.

Proviso. Repeal, part sec. 1, vol. 25, p. 353.

Right to amend, etc., reserved.

SEC. 2. That Congress may at any time amend, alter, or repeal this act.

Approved, March 24, 1890.