

same, such question shall be determined by the Secretary of War on application to him by either party to such matter of difference and due notice to all other parties interested. The parties shall be heard by the Secretary, and they shall have the opportunity of producing testimony. The determination of any such question by the Secretary of War shall be conclusive on the parties: *Provided*, That his decision may from time to time, as becomes necessary, be revised and modified by him.

SEC. 5. That any bridge authorized to be constructed under this Act shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and to secure that object the said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawings of the bridge and a map of the location, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and the said company or corporation shall cause to be displayed on said bridge, from the hours of sunset to sunrise, or at other times, such lights or other signals as may be prescribed by the Light-House Board.

SEC. 6. That the draw or draws shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats, vessels, or other water craft; and at the time of the erection of the piers, or whenever in the opinion of the Secretary of War the same may be necessary, the persons or corporations constructing, owning, or operating said bridge shall, at their own expense, construct proper sheer booms or other proper structures to safely guide boats, vessels, or other water craft through the said spans.

SEC. 7. That if the actual construction of the bridge hereby authorized shall not be commenced within two years from the date of approval of this Act, and be completed within four years after the same date, then this Act shall be void, and all rights hereby conferred shall cease and be determined; and that the construction shall not be commenced until the Government of the Dominion of Canada has authorized the construction and maintenance of that part of said bridge which shall occupy that portion of the said Rainy River which is under the jurisdiction of said Dominion government.

SEC. 8. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 9, 1900.

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CHAP. 38.—An Act To extend the time for the completion of a bridge across the Missouri River.

Time extended for
 bridging Missouri
 River at Yankton.
 Vol. 30, p. 1361.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section six of the Act approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, authorizing the Dakota Southern Railroad Company to construct a combined railroad, wagon, and foot-passenger bridge across the Missouri River, at the city of Yankton, South Dakota, be, and is hereby, amended by extending the time for commencing the construction of said bridge to March third, nineteen hundred and one, and by extending the time for completing said bridge to March third, nineteen hundred and four.

Approved, March 9, 1900.