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pletion, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and any changes in said bridge which the Secretary of War may at any time deem necessary, and order in the interests of navigation, shall be made by the owners thereof at their own expense: *Provided*, That if said bridge is constructed as a drawbridge the draw thereof shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats, and the said railroad company shall maintain thereon, at its own expense, between sunset and sunrise, such lights or other signals as may be prescribed by the Light-House Board.

Proviso.
Draw.
Lights.

SEC. 4. That all railroad companies desiring the use of the bridge authorized by this Act shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains or cars over the same and over the approaches thereto upon the payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owner or owners of said bridge and the several railroad companies, or any one of them, desiring such use shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums 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.

Rights of railroads to use.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the said bridge be not commenced in one year and completed in three years from the date hereof.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 6. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, February 23, 1901.

CHAP. 469.—An Act For the preparation of plans or designs for a memorial or statue of General Ulysses S. Grant on ground belonging to the United States Government in the city of Washington, District of Columbia.

February 23, 1901.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the president of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee, the chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library, and the Secretary of War be, and they are hereby, created a commission to select a site and secure plans and designs for a statue or memorial of General Ulysses S. Grant, late President of the United States and General of the armies thereof, said statue not to cost in excess of the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Statue of Gen. U. S. Grant.
Selection of a site authorized.

SEC. 2. That said commission is authorized to select any unoccupied square or reservation belonging to the Government, or part thereof, in the District of Columbia, except the grounds of the Capitol and Library of Congress, on which to erect the said statue.

Use of Government reservation.

SEC. 3. That the said commission is authorized and required to advertise for plans, specifications, and models for the base, pedestal, and statue provided for in section one, and may pay to competing artists for the same and for expenses incident to making such selection, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, one of which plans, specifications, or models shall, if deemed sufficiently meritorious by the commission, be selected, or the commission may select any part of any of the plans, specifications, or models that it may elect and that it can use.

Plans, etc.

SEC. 4. That as soon as practicable after the selection authorized by section three is made, said commission shall report their action to the Congress of the United States.

Report.

Approved, February 23, 1901.