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Use by other companies. Compensation.

SEC. 4. That all railroad companies desiring the use of the bridge constructed under 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 payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the parties interested shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid and upon the rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall, upon the application of either party, be determined by the district court of the United States in and for any district in which any portion of said bridge shall be located.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

SEC. 5. That the 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 drawing of said bridge and a map of the location, giving for the space of one mile above and one-half mile below the proposed location of the bridge the topography of the banks of the river, with shore lines at high and low water, and shall furnish such other information as shall be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plans and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be built; and should any change be made in the plans of the said bridge during the process of construction or after completion, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Time of construction.

SEC. 6. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date hereof.

Amendment.

SEC. 7. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, June 21, 1902.

June 21, 1902.
[Public, No. 170.]

CHAP. 1140.—An Act To regulate commutation for good conduct for United States prisoners.

United States prisoners. Commutation for good conduct increased.

R. S., secs. 5543, 5544, pp. 1073, 1074, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That each prisoner who has been or shall hereafter be convicted of any offense against the laws of the United States, and is confined, in execution of the judgment or sentence upon any such conviction, in any United States penitentiary or jail, or in any penitentiary, prison, or jail of any State or Territory, for a definite term, other than for life, whose record of conduct shows that he has faithfully observed all the rules and has not been subjected to punishment, shall be entitled to a deduction from the term of his sentence to be estimated as follows, commencing on the first day of his arrival at the penitentiary, prison, or jail: Upon a sentence of not less than six months nor more than one year, five days for each month; upon a sentence of more than one year and less than three years, six days for each month; upon a sentence of not less than three years and less than five years, seven days for each month; upon a sentence of not less than five years and less than ten years, eight days for each month; upon a sentence of ten years or more, ten days for each month. When a prisoner has two or more sentences, the aggregate of his several sentences shall be the basis upon which his deduction shall be estimated.

Restoration of forfeited commutation.

SEC. 2. That in the case of convicts in any United States penitentiary, the Attorney-General shall have the power to restore to any such convict who has heretofore or may hereafter forfeit any good

time by violating any existing law or prison regulation such portion of lost good time as may be proper, in his judgment, upon recommendations and evidence submitted to him by the warden in charge. Restoration, in the case of United States convicts confined in State and Territorial institutions, shall be regulated in accordance with the rules governing such institutions, respectively.

Effect.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after thirty days from the date of its approval, and shall apply only to sentences imposed by courts subsequent to the time that this Act takes effect, as hereinbefore provided. Prisoners serving under any sentence imposed prior to such time shall be entitled and receive the commutation heretofore allowed under existing laws. Such existing laws are hereby repealed as to all sentences imposed subsequent to the time when this Act takes effect.

Prior sentences.

Repeal.

Approved, June 21, 1902.

June 23, 1902.
[Public, No. 171.]

CHAP. 1151.—An Act Providing for the appointment of James W. Long, late a captain, United States Army, a captain of infantry, and for placing his name on the retired list.

James W. Long. May be appointed captain, Army retired list.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and is hereby, authorized to nominate and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint James W. Long, late captain in the United States Army, a captain of infantry, and to thereupon place his name upon the unlimited retired list of the Army, in the class whose disabilities result from wounds received in battle.

Approved, June 23, 1902.

June 24, 1902.
[Public, No. 172.]

CHAP. 1154.—An Act Declaring the Osage River to be not a navigable stream above the point where the line between the counties of Benton and Saint Clair crosses said river.

Osage River, Mo. Not navigable above Benton and Saint Clair counties.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Osage River in the State of Missouri, above the point where the dividing line between the counties of Benton and Saint Clair crosses said river, is hereby declared not to be a navigable stream and shall be so treated by the Secretary of War and all other authorities.

Approved, June 24, 1902.

June 24, 1902.
[Public, No. 173.]

CHAP. 1155.—An Act To amend section forty-one hundred and thirty-nine and section forty-three hundred and fourteen of the Revised Statutes.

Registry of vessels. R. S., sec. 4139, p. 796, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-one hundred and thirty-nine of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Parties competent to make oath.

"SEC. 4139. Previous to granting a register for any vessel owned by any incorporated company, or by an individual or individuals, the president or secretary of such company, or any other officer or agent thereof, duly authorized by said company in writing, attested by the corporate seal thereof, to act for the company in this behalf, or the managing owner, or his agent duly authorized by power of attorney, when such vessel is owned by an individual or individuals, shall swear