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**CHAP. 60.**—An Act To authorize the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway Company to rebuild and reconstruct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Tennessee River near Chattanooga, in Hamilton County, in the State of Tennessee.

April 5, 1916.
[S. 4657.]
[Public, No. 42.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to rebuild and reconstruct, maintain, and operate the bridge and the approaches thereto leased by it from the trustees of the Cincinnati Southern Railway, a railroad existing by virtue of the laws of the States of Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee, across the Tennessee River near the city of Chattanooga, in Hamilton County, in the State of Tennessee, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Tennessee River.
Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Railway Company may bridge, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Construction.
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SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, April 5, 1916.

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**CHAP. 63.**—An Act Conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to hear, determine, and render judgment in claims of the Sisseton and Wahpeton bands of Sioux Indians against the United States.

April 11, 1916.
[S. 585.]
[Public, No. 43.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all claims of whatsoever nature which the Sisseton and Wahpeton bands of Sioux Indians may have or claim to have against the United States shall be submitted to the Court of Claims, with the right to appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States by either party, for the amount due or claimed to be due said bands from the United States under any treaties or laws of Congress; and jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the Court of Claims to hear and determine all claims of said bands against the United States and also any legal or equitable defense, set-off, or counterclaim which the United States may have against said Sisseton and Wahpeton bands of Sioux Indians, and to enter judgment, and in determining the amount to be entered herein the court shall deduct from any sums found due said Sisseton and Wahpeton bands of Sioux Indians any and all gratuities paid said bands or individual members thereof subsequent to March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three: *Provided*, That in determining the amount to be entered herein, the value of the land involved shall not exceed the value of such land on March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three. If any such question is submitted to said court it shall settle the rights, both legal and equitable, of said bands of Indians and the United States, notwithstanding lapse of time or statute of limitations. Such action in the Court of Claims shall be presented by a single petition, to be filed within one year after the passage of this Act, making the United States a party defendant which shall set forth all the facts on which the said bands of Indians base their claims for recovery; and the said petition may be verified by the agent or authorized attorney or attorneys of said bands, to be selected by said bands and employed under contract approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with the provisions of existing law, upon information or belief as to the existence of such facts, and no other statements or verifications shall be necessary. Official letters, papers, reports, and public records, or certified copies thereof, may be used as evidence. Whatever moneys may be found due the Sisseton and Wahpeton bands of Indians under the provisions of this Act, less attor-

Sisseton and Wahpeton Sioux Indians.
Claims of, submitted to Court of Claims.

*Provisos.*
Procedure, etc.

Disposition of moneys found due.