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gation between the Parish of Saint Tammany in the State of Louisiana and the County of Hancock in the State of Mississippi, approximately four and one-half miles northeast of Pearl River station in the State of Louisiana and five miles south of Nicholson in the State of Mississippi and in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Construction.
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Amendment.

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

Approved, March 11, 1924.

March 12, 1924.
[H. R. 5557.]
[Public, No. 41.]

CHAP. 52.—An Act To authorize the settlement of the indebtedness of the Republic of Finland to the United States of America.

Finland.
Settlement of its World War indebtedness approved.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the settlement of the indebtedness of the Republic of Finland to the United States of America, made by the World War Foreign Debt Commission and approved by the President, upon the following terms is hereby approved and authorized:

Funding of principal and interest into bonds.

Principal amount of obligations to be funded, $8,281,926.17; interest accrued thereon to December 15, 1922, at the rate of 4¼ per centum per annum, $1,027,389.10, less payment in cash made by Finland March 8, 1923, on account of interest, $300,000, leaving a balance of $727,389.10; total principal and interest accrued and unpaid as of December 15, 1922, $9,009,315.27; less payment in cash made by Finland on May 1, 1923, $9,315.27. Total indebtedness to be funded into bonds, $9,000,000.

Principal payable in installments.

The principal of the bonds shall be paid in annual installments on the 15th day of each December, up to and including December 15, 1984, on a fixed schedule, subject to the right of the Government of Finland to make these payments in three-year periods; the amount of the first year's installment shall be $45,000, the annual installments to increase with due regularity until, in the sixty-second year, the amount of the installment will be $345,000, the aggregate installments being equal to the total principal of the debt.

Prior payments allowed.

The Government of Finland shall have the right to pay off additional amounts of the principal of the bonds on any interest date upon ninety days' notice.

Interest rates.

Interest shall be payable upon the unpaid balances at the following rates on December 15 and June 15 of each year:

At the rate of 3 per centum per annum, payable semiannually, from December 15, 1922, to December 15, 1932, and thereafter at the rate of 3½ per centum per annum. payable semiannually, until final payment.

Acceptance of additional bonds for accrued interest.

The Government of Finland shall have the right to pay up to one-half of any interest accruing between December 15, 1922, and December 15, 1927, on the $9,000,000, principal amount of bonds first to be issued, in bonds of Finland dated as of the respective dates when the interest to be paid thereby becomes due, payable as to principal on the 15th day of December in each succeeding year, up to and including December 15, 1984, on a fixed schedule, in annual installments, increasing with due regularity in proportion to, and in the manner provided for, the payments to be made on account of principal of the original issue of bonds, and bearing the same rates of interest and being similar in other respects to such original issue of bonds.

Payment in United States bonds accepted.

Any payment of interest or of principal may be made, at the option of the Government of Finland, in any United States Gov-

ernment obligations issued after April 6, 1917, such bonds to be taken at par and accrued interest.

Approved, March 12, 1924.

March 12, 1924.
[S. J. Res. 57.]
[Pub. Res., No. 10.]

CHAP. 53.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the erection on public grounds in the District of Columbia of a statue by Jose Clara personifying "Serenity."

"Serenity," statue. Erection of, authorized in District of Columbia.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to select a suitable site and to grant permission to Charles Deering for the erection, as a gift to the people of the United States, on public grounds of the United States in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, other than those of the Capitol, the Library of Congress, the Mall, and White House, of a Carrara marble statue of "Serenity," by Jose Clara: *Provided*, That the site chosen and the design of the memorial shall be approved by the Joint Committee on the Library, with the advice of the Commission of Fine Arts, that it shall be erected under the supervision of the Chief of Engineers, and that the United States shall be put to no expense in or by the erection of the statue.

Sites excluded.

Proviso.
Approval of site, etc.

Approved, March 12, 1924.

March 13, 1924.
[H. R. 3444.]
[Public, No. 42.]

CHAP. 54.—An Act For the relief of certain nations or tribes of Indians in Montana, Idaho, and Washington.

Indians in Montana, Idaho, and Washington.
Claims of designated tribes of, for lands taken, etc., to be determined by Court of Claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the Court of Claims, with right of appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States, to consider and determine all legal and equitable claims against the United States of the Blackfeet, Blood, Piegan, and Gros Ventre Nations or Tribes of Indians, residing upon the Blackfeet and Fort Belknap Indian Reservations, in the State of Montana; and the Flathead, Kootenais, and Upper Pend d'Oreilles Nations or Tribes of Indians, residing upon the Flathead Indian Reservation, in the State of Montana; and the Nez Perce Nation or Tribe of Indians, residing upon the Lapwai Indian Reservation, in the State of Idaho; and upon the Colville Indian Reservation, in the State of Washington, for lands or hunting rights claimed to be existing in all said nations or tribes of Indians by virtue of the treaty of October 17, 1855 (Eleventh Statutes at Large, page 657, and the following), and in said Flathead, Kootenais, and Upper Pend d'Oreilles Nations or Tribes of Indians by virtue of the treaty of July 16, 1855 (Twelfth Statutes at Large, page 975, and the following), with said Indians, and all claims arising directly therefrom, which lands and hunting rights are alleged to have been taken from the said Indians by the United States, and also any legal or equitable defenses, set-offs, or counterclaims, including gratuities, which the United States may have against the said nations or tribes, and to enter judgment thereon, all claims and defenses to be considered without regard to lapse of time; and the final judgment and satisfaction thereof shall be in full settlement of all said claims.

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That suits under this Act shall be begun by the filing of a petition within two years of the date of the approval of this Act, to be verified by the attorney or attorneys selected by the claimant Indians, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, employed under contracts executed and approved in accordance with

Time for filing suits.