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Sworn statement of costs, etc., after completion.

SEC. 6. The said Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce, Incorporated, its successors and assigns, shall, within ninety days after the completion of such bridge, file with the Secretary of War a sworn itemized statement showing the actual original cost of constructing such bridge and its approaches, including the actual cost of acquiring interests in real property and actual financing and promotion costs.

Investigation by Secretary of War.

Within three years after the completion of such bridge the Secretary of War may investigate the actual cost of such bridge, and for such purposes the said Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce, Incorporated, its successors and assigns, shall make available to the Secretary of War all of its records in connection with the financing and construction thereof.

Findings of Secretary conclusive.

The findings of the Secretary of War as to such actual original cost shall be conclusive, subject only to review in a court of equity for fraud or gross mistake.

Right to sell, etc., conferred.

SEC. 7. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to the said Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce, Incorporated, its successors and assigns, and any corporation to which such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or which shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation.

Amendment.

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

Approved, May 3, 1926.

May 3, 1926
[H. R. 10351.]
[Public, No. 173.]

CHAP. 229.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the Natchez-Vidalia Bridge and Terminal Company to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near the city of Natchez, Mississippi.

Mississippi River. Natchez-Vidalia Bridge and Terminal Company may bridge, Natchez, Miss., to Vidalia, La.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Natchez-Vidalia Bridge and Terminal Company, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, between the city of Natchez, Mississippi, and a point in the city of Vidalia, Louisiana, connecting with the Lone Star Trail Highway, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

Construction. Vol. 34, p. 84.

Authorized to acquire real property, etc., for approaches, etc.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the said Natchez-Vidalia Bridge and Terminal Company, its successors and assigns, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, appropriate, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches and terminals as are possessed by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State or States in which such real estate and other property are located, upon making just compensation therefor, to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State or States; and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in condemnation and expropriation of property in such State or States.

Condemnation procedure.

Tolls allowed.

SEC. 3. The said Natchez-Vidalia Bridge and Terminal Company, its successors and assigns, are hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge, and the rates so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under the authority contained in such Act of March 23, 1906.

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Acquisition authorized, after completion, by Mississippi, Louisiana, etc.

SEC. 4. After the date of completion of such bridge, as determined by the Secretary of War, either the State of Mississippi, the State of Louisiana, any political subdivision of either of such States within or adjoining which any part of such bridge is located, or any two or more of them jointly, may at any time acquire and take over all right, title, and interest in such bridge and approaches, and interests in real property necessary therefor, by purchase, or by condemnation in accordance with the law of either of such States governing the acquisition of private property for public purposes by condemnation. If at any time after the expiration of twenty years after the completion of such bridge it is acquired by condemnation, the amount of damages or compensation to be allowed shall not include good will, going value, or prospective revenues or profits, but shall be limited to the sum of (1) the actual cost of constructing such bridge and approaches, less a reasonable deduction for actual depreciation in respect of such bridge and approaches, (2) the actual cost of acquiring such interests in real property, (3) actual financing and promotion costs (not to exceed 10 per centum of the sum of the cost of construction of such bridge and approaches and the acquisition of such interests in real property), and (4) actual expenditures for necessary improvements.

Compensation if acquired by condemnation.

Limitation.

Operation, etc., by State, etc., as toll bridge.

SEC. 5. If such bridge shall be taken over and acquired by the States or political subdivisions thereof under the provisions of section 4 of this Act, the same may thereafter be operated as a toll bridge; in fixing the rates of toll to be charged for the use of such bridge, the same shall be so adjusted as to provide as far as possible a sufficient fund to pay for the cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches, to pay an adequate return on the cost thereof, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the amount paid therefor within a period of not to exceed thirty years from the date of acquiring the same. After a sinking fund sufficient to pay the cost of acquiring such bridge and its approaches shall have been provided, the bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls or the rates of tolls shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper care, repair, maintenance, and operation of the bridge and its approaches. An accurate record of the amount paid for acquiring the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for operating, repairing, and maintaining the same, and of the daily tolls collected shall be kept, and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

Provision for free bridge, etc.

Record of all expenses, receipts, to be kept.

Sworn statement of costs, etc., after completion.

SEC. 6. The said Natchez-Vidalia Bridge and Terminal Company, its successors and assigns, shall, within ninety days after the completion of such bridge, file with the Secretary of War a sworn itemized statement showing the actual original cost of constructing such bridge and its approaches, including the actual cost of acquiring interests in real property and actual financing and promotion costs. Within three years after the completion of such bridge the Secretary of War may investigate the actual cost of such bridge, and for such purpose the said Natchez-Vidalia Bridge and Terminal Company, its successors and assigns, shall make available to the Secretary of War all of the records in connection with the financing and construction thereof. The findings of the Secretary of War as to such actual original cost shall be conclusive, subject only to review in a court of equity for fraud or gross mistake.

Investigation, by Secretary of War.

Findings of Secretary conclusive.

Right to sell, etc., conferred.

SEC. 7. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to the said Natchez-Vidalia Bridge and Terminal Company, its successors and assigns, and any corporation to which such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or which shall

acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation.

Amendment.

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

Approved, May 3, 1926.

May 3, 1926.
[H. J. Res. 209.]
[Pub. Res., No. 24.]

CHAP. 230.—Joint Resolution Requesting the President of the United States to invite foreign governments to participate in the seventh international dental congress to be held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 23 to 28, 1926.

International Dental Congress.
Foreign governments invited to participate in seventh, at Philadelphia, Pa.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized and requested to invite foreign governments to appoint delegates and otherwise participate in the seventh international dental congress to be held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 23 to 28, 1926, under the auspices of the International Dental Federation; and for the purpose of meeting the expenses which may be actually and necessarily incurred by the Government of the United States by reason of such invitation in the observance of appropriate courtesies the appropriation of the sum of $5,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized, notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act.

Expenses authorized.

Post, p. 865.

Delegates to be appointed.

SEC. 2. That the President is hereby further authorized and requested to appoint delegates not in excess of ten to represent the Government of the United States at the said congress.

Approved, May 3, 1926.

May 4, 1926.
[H. R. 6556.]
[Public, No. 174.]

CHAP. 234.—An Act For the establishment of artificial bathing pools or beaches in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Two bathing beaches to be established, in.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Director of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to locate and construct, subject to the approval of the National Capital Park Commission, and to conduct and maintain two artificial bathing pools or beaches in the District of Columbia, one pool for the white race and the other for the colored race, with suitable buildings, shower baths, lockers, provisions for the use of filtered water, purification of the water, and all things necessary for the proper conduct of such pools or beaches. The Commission of Fine Arts shall be consulted as to the location and construction of said pools or beaches. The cost of these pools or beaches, with buildings and equipment, shall not exceed $345,000, and the appropriation of such sum for the purposes named is hereby authorized. No part of the sums appropriated for the purposes of this Act shall be expended in the purchase of land and the pools or beaches herein provided for shall be located upon lands acquired or hereafter acquired for park, parkway, or playground purposes.

One for the white and the other for the colored race.

Location, etc.

Limit of cost.

Post, p. 1329.

Location restricted.

Approved, May 4, 1926.

May 4, 1926.
[H. R. 3797.]
[Public, No. 175.]

CHAP. 235.—An Act To increase the limit of cost of public building at Decatur, Alabama.

Decatur, Ala.
Limit of cost increased for public building at.
Vol. 37, p. 873, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the limit of cost fixed by existing law (Thirty-seventh Statutes, 873) for the public building and the site thereof at Decatur, Alabama, be, and