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CHAP. 245.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the construction, maintenance, and operation of a bridge across Sandusky Bay at or near Bay Bridge, Ohio.

Sandusky Bay.
G. S. Beckwith may bridge at Bay Bridge, Ohio.

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 G. S. Beckwith, of Cleveland, Ohio, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across Sandusky Bay, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Bay Bridge, in the county of Erie, in the State of Ohio, 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.
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Tolls authorized.

SEC. 2. The said G. S. Beckwith, his heirs, legal representatives, 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.

Acquisition authorized, after completion, by Ohio, etc.

SEC. 3. After the date of completion of such bridge, as determined by the Secretary of War, either the State of Ohio, any political subdivision thereof within which any part of such bridge is located, or 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 such State governing the acquisition of private property for public purposes by condemnation.

Compensation if acquired by condemnation.

Limitation.

If at any time after the expiration of fifteen 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.

Operation by municipality, etc., as a toll bridge.

SEC. 4. If such bridge shall at any time be taken over or acquired by any municipality or other political subdivision or subdivisions of the State of Ohio under the provisions of section 3 of this Act, and if tolls are charged for the use thereof, the rates of toll shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay for the cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the amount paid for such bridge and its approaches as soon as possible under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed thirty years from the date of acquiring the same. After a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of acquiring the bridge and its approaches shall have been provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls, or the rates of toll shall thereafter be so adjusted as to provide a fund of not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper care, maintenance, and operation of the bridge and its approaches. An accurate record of the amount paid for the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for operating, repairing, and maintaining the same, and of daily tolls collected shall be kept, and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

Maintenance, etc., after amortization of costs.

Record of expenditures and receipts.

Sworn statement of costs to be filed after completion.

SEC. 5. That said G. S. Beckwith, his heirs, legal representatives, 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 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 G. S. Beckwith, his heirs, legal representatives and assigns, shall make available to the Secretary of War all of his or their 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.

SEC. 6. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to the said G. S. Beckwith, his heirs, legal representatives, 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.

Authority to sell, etc.

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

Amendment.

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CHAP. 246.—Joint Resolution To authorize the American National Red Cross to continue the use of temporary buildings now erected on square numbered 172, in Washington, District of Columbia.

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That authority be, and is hereby, given to the central committee of the American National Red Cross to continue the use of such temporary buildings as are now erected upon square numbered 172, in the city of Washington, for the use of the American Red Cross in connection with its work in cooperation with the Government of the United States until such time as hereafter may be designated by Congress: *Provided*, That the United States shall be put to no expense of any kind by reason of the exercise of the authority hereby conferred.

American Red Cross.
Use of temporary buildings, Washington, D. C., by, may be continued.
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Proviso.
No Government expense for.

Approved, May 5, 1926.

CHAP. 250.—An Act For the acquisition of buildings and grounds in foreign countries for the use of the Government of the United States of America.

May 7, 1926.
[H. R. 10200.]
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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 Secretary of State is empowered, subject to the direction of the commission hereinafter established, to acquire by purchase or construction in the manner hereinafter provided, within the limits of appropriations made pursuant to this Act, in foreign capitals and in other foreign cities, sites and buildings, and to alter, repair, and furnish such buildings, for the use of the diplomatic and consular establishments of the United States, or for the purpose of consolidating, to the extent deemed advisable by the commission, within one or more buildings, the embassies, legations, consulates, and other agencies of the United States Government there maintained, which buildings shall be appropriately designated by the commission, and the space in which shall be allotted by the Secretary of State under the direction of the commission among the several agencies of the United States Government.

Foreign Service Buildings Act, 1926.
Acquisition of buildings, etc., in foreign countries authorized for use of the Government.

Allotment of space in buildings.