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CHAP. 365.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to acquire and maintain dams in the Minnesota National Forest needed for the proper administration of the Government land and timber.

Cass Lake, Minn.
Dam at mouth of, in Minnesota National Forest may be acquired and maintained.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to accept, on behalf of the United States, title to a dam and appurtenances thereto constructed and hitherto maintained under authority of law by the J. Neils Lumber Company at the outlet of Cass Lake in the State of Minnesota, together with the right of way for the abutment of said dam on lot 2, section 21, township 146 north, range 30 west, fifth principal meridian, and the flowage rights thereon, and to thereafter maintain or reconstruct said dam in good and serviceable condition: *Provided*, That when Lake Winibigoshish is at such a level as to hold Cass Lake at a level of two and five-tenths feet or more on the Cass Lake gauge enough of the dam shall be removed or kept open to permit the passage of boats and logs.

Provisos.
Partial removal for passage of boats and logs.

Submerged private lands may be acquired.

SEC. 2. That if the maintenance of the dam by the Untied States as provided in section 1 hereof shall cause any lands in private ownership to be submerged and damaged the Secretary of Agriculture may, in his discretion, acquire title to said lands so submerged by purchase under the provisions of sections 7 and 8 of the Act of March 1, 1911 (Thirty-sixth Statutes at Large, page 961), or in lieu of such purchase may compensate the owners of said submerged lands for all damages sustained by reason of said submergence upon proper showing of proof that said damages are due exclusively to the maintenance of the dam as authorized herein.

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Payment for damages in lieu.

Amount authorized for expenses.
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SEC. 3. That to carry out the purposes of this Act there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for expenditure during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, the sum of $5,000 and annual appropriations of like sums to carry out the purposes of this Act during the ensuing years are hereby authorized.

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CHAP. 366.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress for the construction of dam or dams in Neches River, Texas.

Neches River.
Dams authorized across, above Beaumont, Tex.

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 Neches Canal Company, Beaumont Irrigating Company, the city of Beaumont, Texas, and the city of Port Arthur, Texas, or any two or more of them jointly, to construct a dam or dams across the Neches River at points suitable to the interests of navigation above the city of Beaumont, Texas: *Provided*, That the work on such dams shall not be commenced until the plans therefor have been filed with and approved by the Secretary of War and the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army.

Proviso.
Plans to be approved.

Amendment.

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

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