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Time extended for bridging, by Washington and Idaho.
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commencing and completing the construction of the bridge authorized by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1925, to be built by the States of Washington and Idaho across the Pend d'Oreille River at or near the Newport-Priest River Road crossing Washington and Idaho, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of approval hereof.

Amendment.

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

Approved, June 26, 1926.

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CHAP. 691.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the cities of Omaha, Nebraska, and Council Bluffs, Iowa, or either of them, to construct a bridge across the Missouri River.

Missouri River.
Omaha, Nebr., and Council Bluffs, Iowa, may bridge.

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 cities of Omaha, Nebraska, and Council Bluffs, Iowa, or either of them, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, between Omaha, Nebraska, and Council Bluffs, Iowa, 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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Right to acquire real estate, etc., for approaches.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the cities of Omaha, Nebraska, and Council Bluffs, Iowa, their successors and assigns, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which such real estate or other property is situated, upon making just compensation therefor, to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property in such State.

Condemnation proceedings.

Tolls authorized.

SEC. 3. The said cities of Omaha, Nebraska, and Council Bluffs, Iowa, their successors and assigns, are hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge, and the rates of toll so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under the authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

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Rates of toll to provide for operation, sinking fund to amortize cost, etc.

SEC. 4. In fixing the rates of toll to be charged for the use of such bridge the same 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 cost of such bridge and its approaches as soon as possible under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed thirty years from the completion thereof. After a sinking fund sufficient to pay the cost of constructing 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, repair, maintenance, and operation of the bridge and its approaches. An accurate record of the cost of 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.

Maintenance as free bridge, etc., subsequently.

Record of expenditures and receipts.

Amendment.

SEC. 5. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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