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bridge; for the purpose of such investigation the said Hawesville and Cannelton Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, shall make available all of its records in connection with the construction, financing, and promotion thereof. The findings of the Secretary of War as to the reasonable costs of the construction, financing, and promotion of the bridge shall be conclusive for the purposes mentioned in section 4 of this Act, subject only to review in a court of equity for fraud or gross mistake.

Findings of Secretary conclusive.

SEC. 7. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to Hawesville and Cannelton Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, and any corporation to which or any person to whom such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or who 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 or person.

Right to sell, etc., conferred.

SEC. 8. All contracts made in connection with the construction of the bridge authorized by this act and which shall involve the expenditure of more than $5,000 shall be let by competitive bidding. Such contracts shall be advertised for a reasonable time in some newspaper of general circulation published in the States in which the bridge is located and in the vicinity thereof; sealed bids shall be required and the contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Verified copies or abstracts of all bids received and of the bid or bids accepted shall be promptly furnished to the highway departments of the States in which such bridge is located. A failure to comply in good faith with the provisions of this section shall render null and void any contract made in violation thereof, and the Secretary of War may, after hearings, order the suspension of all work upon such bridge until the provisions of this section shall have been fully complied with.

Construction contracts to be let to lowest bidder.

Advertising, etc.

Contracts void for violations.

SEC. 9. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, March 1, 1929.

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[H. R. 16701.]
[Public, No. 884.]

CHAP. 433.—An Act To provide for the payment of rental to the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans of the property known as the New Orleans Army Supply Base, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, rental in the sum of $39,686.54 for the use and occupancy of the property known as the New Orleans Army Supply Base, New Orleans, Louisiana, said rental being for the period from August 1, 1924, on which date the United States ceased to pay rental for the said property, to August 26, 1927, on which date the United States tendered a check in payment for the purchase of the said property to the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, from which the same was purchased, said rental being at the rates provided for in contracts between the United States of America and the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, dated May 29, 1918, and June 19, 1918.

Army.
Payment to Board of Commissioners of Port of New Orleans, rental for use of Army Supply Base, New Orleans, La.

SEC. 2. That the sum of $39,686.54 is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the purposes set forth in section 1 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sum authorized for.

Approved, March 1, 1929.