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Right to sell, etc., conferred.

SEC. 5. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to Walter J. Mitchell, his heirs, legal representatives, 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.

Construction contracts to be let to lowest bidder.

SEC. 6. 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.

Advertising, etc.

Such contracts shall be advertised for a reasonable time in some newspaper of general circulation published in the State 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 department of the State 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.

Contracts void for violations.

Amendment.

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

Approved, March 2, 1929.

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[Public, No. 933.]

CHAP. 507.—An Act To provide for the construction of a new bridge across the South Branch of the Mississippi River from Sixteenth Street, Moline, Illinois, to the east end of the island occupied by the Rock Island Arsenal.

Mississippi River.
Bridge to be built across South Branch of, from Moline, Ill., to Rock Island Arsenal.

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 to cause to be constructed a bridge across the South Branch of the Mississippi River from Sixteenth Street in the city of Moline, Illinois, to the east end of the island occupied by the Rock Island Arsenal; and upon completion of said new bridge he shall cause the existing bridge located at Fifteenth Street in the city of Moline to be entirely removed from the waterway: *Provided*, That any additional lands or rights of way needed for the construction of said new bridge shall be furnished by local interests without cost to the United States.

Removal of existing bridge.

Proviso.
Lands from local interests.

Necessary sums authorized.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, in carrying out the provisions of this Act, and to remain available until expended.

Approved, March 2, 1929.

March 2, 1929.
[S. 1781.]
[Public, No. 934.]

CHAP. 508.—An Act To establish load lines for American vessels, and for other purposes.

Shipping.
Load lines established.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That load lines are hereby established for the following vessels:

For merchant vessels loading in United States for sea, except the Great Lakes.

(a) Merchant vessels of two hundred and fifty gross tons or over, loading at or proceeding to sea from any port or place within the United States or its possessions for a foreign voyage by sea, the Great Lakes excepted.