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Issue without bond. Vol. 44, p. 1390.

If lost before delivery.

Partially destroyed, etc.

such lost or destroyed certificate; except that a duplicate certificate shall be issued without the requirement of a bond when it is shown to the satisfaction of the director that the original certificate, (1) before delivery to the veteran, has been lost, destroyed, wholly or in part, or so defaced as to impair its value, and (2) after delivery to the veteran, has, without bad faith upon the part of the person entitled to payment thereon, been partially destroyed or defaced so as to impair its value, is capable of identification, and is surrendered by such person to the Veterans' Bureau."

Approved, March 4, 1929.

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March 4, 1929.
[H. R. 17208.]
[Public, No. 1032.]

**CHAP. 704.**—An Act To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Niobrara, Nebraska.

Missouri River. Time extended for bridging, at Niobrara, Nebr.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Niobrara, Nebraska, authorized to be built by H. A. Rinder, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, by Act of Congress approved May 22, 1928, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from May 22, 1929.

*Ante*, p. 708.

Amendment.

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

Approved, March 4, 1929.

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March 4, 1929.
[H. R. 15089.]
[Public, No. 1033.]

**CHAP. 705.**—An Act Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1930, and for other purposes.

Interior Department appropriations, fiscal year, 1930.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1930, namely:

Secretary's Office.

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

### SALARIES

Secretary, Assistants, and office personnel.

Secretary of the Interior, $15,000; First Assistant Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and other personal services in the District of Columbia, $369,000, in all, $384,000: *Provided*, That in expending appropriations or portions of appropriations, contained in this Act, for the payment for personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, as amended (U. S. C., pp. 65–71, secs. 661–673, 45 Stat., pp. 776–785), the average of the salaries of the total number of persons under any grade in any bureau, office, or other appropriation unit shall not at any time exceed the average of the compensation rates specified for the grade by such Act, as amended, and in grades in which only one position is allocated the salary of such position shall not exceed the average of the compensation rates for the grade except that in unusually meritorious cases of one position in a grade advances may be made to rates higher than the average of the compensation rates of the grade but not more often than once in any fiscal year and then only to the next higher rate: *Provided*, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service, or (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation

*Provisos.*
Salaries limited to average rates under Classification Act.
Vol. 42, p. 1488.
*Ante*, p. 776.
U. S. Code, p. 65.

If only one position in a grade.

Advances for unusually meritorious services.

Restriction not applicable to clerical-mechanical service.
No reduction in fixed salaries.