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occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, maintenance, and operation 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 for public purposes in such State.

Condemnation proceedings.
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Tolls authorized.

SEC. 3. The said cities and counties, or any one or more thereof, are hereby authorized to operate such bridge free of tolls, or, in their discretion, to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge; and in case rates of toll are so fixed, such rates shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

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Rates of toll applied to operation, sinking fund, 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 reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating such bridge and its approaches under economical management, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of such bridge and its approaches, including reasonable interest and financing costs, as soon as possible, under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed twenty years from the completion thereof or acquisition thereof as hereinafter provided. After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization shall have been so 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 maintenance, repair, and operation of such bridge and its approaches under economical management. An accurate record of the cost of such bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating 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., after amortizing costs, etc.

Record of expenditures and receipts to be kept.

Rights, etc., conferred may be performed jointly or separately.

SEC. 5. All rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act upon the city of Omaha, Nebraska, the city of Council Bluffs, Iowa, the county of Douglas, Nebraska, and the county of Pottawattamie, Iowa, may be enjoyed, used, or performed by said cities and counties, jointly, or by any one or more thereof separately, or by such boards or commissions as may be created by law to carry out the provisions of this Act for said cities and counties, or any one or more thereof that may construct the bridge hereby authorized. The rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act may be assigned, conveyed and transferred by said cities and counties to the State of Nebraska and the State of Iowa, or to either thereof, or to the highway departments of said States, or of either thereof, but shall not otherwise be assigned, conveyed, or transferred.

Assignment permitted.

Amendment.

SEC. 6. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 13, 1931.

February 13, 1931.
[H. R. 1408.]
[Public, No. 625.]

CHAP. 127.—An Act To provide for the study, investigation, and survey, for commemorative purposes, of the Bull Run and Second Manassas battle fields in the State of Virginia.

Bull Run and Second Manassas battle fields, Va.
Survey directed.

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 have made studies, investigations, and surveys of the Bull Run and Second

Manassas battle fields in the State of Virginia, for the purpose of preparing and submitting to Congress a general plan and such detailed project as may be required for properly commemorating such battle fields and other adjacent points of historical and military interest, in accordance with the classification set forth in Senate Document Numbered 187, Seventieth Congress, second session.

Appropriation authorized for expenses.

SEC. 2. To enable the Secretary of War to carry out the provisions of this Act, including the payment of mileage of officers of the Army and actual expenses of civilian employees traveling on duty in connection with the studies, investigations, and surveys, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $2,600, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be expended for the purpose of this Act.

Approved, February 13, 1931.

February 13, 1931.
[H. R. 8290.]
[Public, No. 626.]

CHAP. 128.—An Act To authorize and direct a preliminary examination of the Mohican River Ditch from Lake Fork, Ohio, south a distance of eight miles.

Mohican River.
Examination of, and its tributaries, to be made for flood control.

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 cause a preliminary examination to be made of the Mohican River and its tributaries, especially the Mohican River Ditch south of Lake Fork, Ohio, a distance of eight miles, with a view to control the floods in accordance with the provisions of section 3 of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for control of the floods of the Mississippi River, and of the Sacramento River, California, and for other purposes," approved March 1, 1917, the cost thereof to be paid from appropriations heretofore or hereafter made for examinations, surveys, and contingencies of rivers and harbors.

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Fund available.

Approved, February 13, 1931.

February 13, 1931.
[H. R. 12966.]
[Public, No. 627.]

CHAP. 129.—An Act Authorizing H. C. Brenner Realty and Finance Corporation, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near a point between Cherokee and Osage Streets, Saint Louis, Missouri.

Mississippi River.
H. C. Brenner Realty and Finance Corporation may bridge, at Saint Louis, Mo.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, H. C. Brenner Realty and Finance Corporation, its successors and assigns, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near a point between Cherokee and Osage Streets, Saint Louis, Missouri, and a point opposite thereto in Saint Clair County, Illinois, 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 location, approaches, etc.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon H. C. Brenner Realty and Finance Corporation, its 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