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years after the completion of such bridge, investigate such costs and determine the accuracy and the reasonableness of the costs alleged in the statement of costs so filed, and shall make a finding of the actual and reasonable costs of constructing, financing, and promoting such bridge; for the purpose of such investigation the said C. N. Jenks, F. J. Stransky, L. H. Miles, John Grandy, and Bruce Machen, their heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, shall make available all of their 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 C. N. Jenks, F. J. Stransky, L. H. Miles, John Grandy, and Bruce Machen, their 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.

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 4, 1930.

March 7, 1930.
[S. 1487.]
[Public, No. 66.]

CHAP. 70.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to permit the erection of a building for use as a residence for the Protestant chaplain at the National Leper Home at Carville, Louisiana, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to permit the erection of a building for use as a residence for the Protestant chaplain at the National Leper Home at Carville, Louisiana, and at his discretion to permit the erection of other buildings which may in the future be donated to promote the welfare of patients and personnel: *Provided*, That such building shall be located where designated by the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service and without expense to the United States, and that the plans and specifications therefor shall be subject to the approval of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department: *Provided further*, That such buildings when completed shall be the property of the United States.

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Provisos.
Location, etc.

Buildings to become Government property.

Approved, March 7, 1930.

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