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[CHAPTER 525]

AN ACT

July 27, 1937
[S. 1972]
[Public, No. 215]

To authorize the Secretary of War to sell, loan, or give samples of supplies and equipment to prospective manufacturers.

War Department.
Samples of supplies, etc., to prospective manufacturers authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized, in his discretion and under rules, regulations, and limitations to be prescribed by him, to sell, loan, or give to contractors and private firms which are or may likely be manufacturers or furnishers of supplies and equipment for the use of the War Department or of the Army, under approved production plans, such drawings, manufacturing and other information, and samples of supplies and equipment to be manufactured or furnished, as he may consider will best promote the interests of national defense.

Approved, July 27, 1937.

[CHAPTER 526]

AN ACT

July 28, 1937
[S. 2662]
[Public, No. 216]

Authorizing The Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Piscataqua River at or near Portsmouth, State of New Hampshire.

Piscataqua River.
Bridge construction authorized, between Portsmouth, N. H., and Kittery, Maine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to promote interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, The Maine-New Hampshire Interstate Bridge Authority (hereinafter referred to as the authority) is hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Piscataqua River, from a point at or near Portsmouth, State of New Hampshire, to a point at or near Kittery, State of Maine, suitable to the interests of navigation, 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.
34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-498.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the authority 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, 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.

Right to acquire real estate, etc.

Condemnation proceedings.

SEC. 3. The authority is hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge, and the rates of toll so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under the authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

Toll charges.

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 the 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 cost, as soon as possible, under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed forty-five years from the completion thereof. After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization and for the maintenance of said bridge and the approaches thereto

Tolls to be applied to operation, sinking fund, etc.

Maintenance as free bridge after amortizing costs, etc.