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vacancy in the office of the Surgeon General. The Assistant to the Surgeon General, while serving as such Assistant, shall have a rank in the Public Health Service which shall correspond to that held by a brigadier general in the United States Army, and shall be entitled to the same pay and allowances as a brigadier general in the Army.

Rank.

Pay.

Approved, August 9, 1939.

[CHAPTER 607]

AN ACT

For the relief of certain Indians of the Winnebago Agency.

August 9, 1939
[H. R. 2971]
[Public, No. 346]

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 directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $38,352.84 to the Treasurer of the United States for deposit in the official disbursing account of the Superintendent and Special Disbursing Agent of the Winnebago Indian Agency, Nebraska, to replace a deposit of individual Indian money in like amount with the State Bank of Winnebago, Nebraska, defunct: *Provided*, That any sums, not exceeding in the aggregate the amount of this appropriation, recovered from said bank or the sureties on the bonds thereof, shall be deposited into the general fund of the Treasury.

Winnebago Indian Agency, Nebr.
Payment to.

Proviso.
Deposit of sums recovered.

Approved, August 9, 1939.

[CHAPTER 608]

AN ACT

Creating the Louisiana-Vicksburg Bridge Commission; defining the authority, power, and duties of said Commission; and authorizing said Commission and its successors and assigns to purchase, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Delta Point, Louisiana, and Vicksburg, Mississippi.

August 9, 1939
[H. R. 3224]
[Public, No. 347]

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, the Louisiana-Vicksburg Bridge Commission (hereinafter created, and hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") and its successors and assigns be, and is hereby, authorized to acquire by purchase or otherwise, from its owners, and to maintain and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River at or near the cities of Delta Point, Louisiana, and Vicksburg, Mississippi, subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act. Whenever, and for the time only, that said bridge is not in operative condition by reason of accident, damage, repair, or other causes beyond the control of said Commission, said Commission and its successors and assigns are hereby authorized to maintain and operate a ferry, or ferries, across the Mississippi River at or within fifteen miles of said bridge, subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act: *Provided*, That the acquisition and operation of a ferry or ferries shall only be in the event that the condition of said bridge is such that it cannot be used and as soon as repaired or again usable no ferry or ferries shall be operated: *Provided further*, That no permission shall be given for the operation of a ferry or ferries within fifteen miles of said bridge without the direct repeal of this section of the Act.

Mississippi River.
Acquisition, etc., of bridge across, at Delta Point, La., and Vicksburg, Miss., authorized.

Operation of ferries permitted only during emergencies.

Provisos.
Conditions imposed.

Operation of ferries in vicinity not permitted.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the Commission and its successors and assigns the right and power to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use said bridge and such real estate and other property in the State of Louisiana and the State of Mississippi as

Acquisition, etc., of bridge, real estate, and other property.