

dictions, as may be deemed necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Effective period.

SEC. 4. The provisions of this Act shall be effective from and after December 7, 1941, and shall remain in force during the continuance of the present war and for six months after the termination of the war, or until such earlier time as the Congress by concurrent resolution or the President may designate.

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 717]

AN ACT

December 23, 1944  
[H. R. 6154]  
[Public Law 555]

Relating to dual employment in the Postal Service, and for other purposes.

Postal Service.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1 of the Act of March 1, 1929, entitled "An Act for the relief of present and former postmasters and acting postmasters, and for other purposes" (45 Stat. 1441), as amended (39 U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. III, 136), is amended to read as follows:

Dual employment.

"When in the judgment of the Postmaster General the needs and interests of the Postal Service so require he may employ mail messengers and postal employees in a dual capacity, or assign extra duties to such mail messengers and postal employees; and, notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1763, 1764, and 1765 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., title 5, secs. 58, 69, and 70), compensation shall be paid to such mail messengers and postal employees for such services at the rate provided by law for such services."

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 718]

AN ACT

December 23, 1944  
[H. R. 5206]  
[Public Law 556]

To authorize Belfry Coal Company to construct, maintain, and operate a free suspension bridge conveyor across the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River at or near Sprigg, West Virginia.

Tug Fork of Big  
Sandy River.  
Bridge at Sprigg, W.  
Va.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Belfry Coal Company (not incorporated), its successors or assigns, is hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a free suspension bridge conveyor and approaches thereto across the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River between Pike County, Kentucky, and Mingo County, West Virginia, at mile 63.8 at or near Sprigg, West Virginia, at a point 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.

34 Stat. 84.  
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-  
498.

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

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 719]

AN ACT

December 23, 1944  
[H. R. 5219]  
[Public Law 557]

To provide for the granting of rights-of-way for pipe lines for petroleum and petroleum products and for telephone and/or telegraph lines through and across lands of the United States within the area of Indian Rock Dam and Reservoir, located in York County, Pennsylvania.

Indian Rock Dam  
and Reservoir Area,  
Pa.

*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 empowered, under such