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[CHAPTER 131]

AN ACT

Authorizing the State of Minnesota Department of Highways to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Hastings, Minnesota.

May 29, 1945
[H. R. 533]
[Public Law 63]

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 State of Minnesota Department of Highways be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Hastings, Minnesota, 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.

Mississippi River.
Bridge at Hastings, Minn.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491–498.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the State of Minnesota Department of Highways 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 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.

Acquisition of lands, etc.

SEC. 3. The authority granted by this Act shall terminate if the actual construction of the bridge herein authorized is not commenced within two years and completed within four years from the date of the enactment of this Act.

Time limitation.

SEC. 4. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved May 29, 1945.

[CHAPTER 132]

AN ACT

To authorize Slater Branch Bridge and Road Club to construct, maintain, and operate a free suspension bridge across the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River at or near Williamson, West Virginia.

May 29, 1945
[H. R. 1184]
[Public Law 64]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Slater Branch Bridge and Road Club, Incorporated, its successors or assigns, is hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a free suspension bridge and approaches thereto across the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River between Pike County, Kentucky, and Mingo County, West Virginia, at mile 52.5 at or near Williamson, 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.

Tug Fork of Big Sandy River.
Bridge, Williamson, W. Va.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491–498.

SEC. 2. The authority granted by this Act shall terminate if the actual construction of the bridge herein authorized is not commenced within two years and completed within four years from the date of the enactment of this Act.

Time limitation.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved May 29, 1945.