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SEC. 3. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to pilots and marine engineers of the Fire Department whose salaries were increased by an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to fix the salaries of officers and members of the Metropolitan Police force and the Fire Department of the District of Columbia', approved June , 1945".

Pilots and marine engineers, Fire Department.
Post, p. 662.

Ante, p. 318.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 1945.

Approved July 14, 1945.

[CHAPTER 312]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the State of North Dakota to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Missouri River.

July 16, 1945
[S. 233]
[Public Law 152]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the State of North Dakota to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, from McLean County to either Mercer County or Oliver County, North Dakota, 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: *Provided*, That this Act shall be null and void unless actual construction of the bridge herein referred to be commenced within two years and completed within four years from the date of approval hereof.

Missouri River.
Bridge, McLean County, N. Dak.

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 July 16, 1945.

[CHAPTER 313]

AN ACT

Authorizing the construction of a free highway bridge across the Yellowstone River near Fairview, Montana.

July 16, 1945
[S. 234]
[Public Law 153]

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 States of North Dakota and Montana, jointly or severally, are hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Yellowstone River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, near Fairview, Montana, 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: *Provided*, That this Act shall be null and void unless actual construction of the bridge herein referred to be commenced within two years and completed within four years from the date of approval hereof.

Yellowstone River.
Bridge, near Fairview, Mont.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491–498.

SEC. 2. There are hereby conferred upon the States of North Dakota and Montana 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

Acquisition of real estate, etc.