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[CHAPTER 737]

AN ACT

August 2, 1946
[S. 2036]
[Public Law 593]

Granting the consent of Congress to the State of Rhode Island to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Sakonnet River between the towns of Tiverton and Portsmouth in Newport County, Rhode Island.

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 Rhode Island to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Sakonnet River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, between the towns of Tiverton and Portsmouth in Newport County, Rhode Island, 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.

Bridge.
Sakonnet River.

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 August 2, 1946.

[CHAPTER 738]

AN ACT

August 2, 1946
[S. 2246]
[Public Law 594]

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to acquire in fee or otherwise certain lands and rights in land on the island of Guam, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to acquire in the name, and for the use, of the United States, by purchase or otherwise, land and rights pertaining thereto situated on or within the island of Guam, including interests in fee, leasehold interests with or without option to purchase interests in fee, and rights-of-way and easements both temporary and perpetual for highways, drainage system, water supply and water distribution facilities, power lines, communication systems, and communication distribution facilities, upon conveyance of title acceptable to him or to such other officer as he may designate without regard to and notwithstanding section 355 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C. A., title 40, sec. 255), or any other provision of law requiring approval of title by the Attorney General of the United States. The authority contained herein may include, but shall not be limited to, acquisitions for the purpose set forth in Public Law 225 of the Seventy-ninth Congress, approved November 15, 1945.

Navy.
Acquisition of lands in Guam.

59 Stat. 584.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $1,630,000 to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

Appropriation authorized.

Approved August 2, 1946.

[CHAPTER 739]

AN ACT

August 2, 1946
[S. 2247]
[Public Law 595]

To permit the Secretary of the Navy to delegate the authority to compromise and settle claims against the United States caused by vessels of the Navy or in the naval service, or for towage or salvage services to such vessels, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of July 3, 1944 (58 Stat. 726), be amended by adding another section thereto as follows:

Naval vessels.

46 U. S. C., Supp. V, §§ 791–798.

"SEC. 9. When the net amount paid in settlement does not exceed