such steps as may be necesary to coordinate and correlate its plans with those prepared by State or civic bodies. If the participation of other nations in the commemoration is deemed advisable, the Commission may communicate to that end with the governments of such nations through the State Department.

SEC. 3. (a) The Commission shall select a Chairman and a Vice Chairman from among its members, and may employ, without regard to the civil-service laws or the Classification Act of 1949, such employees as may be necessary in carrying out its functions.

63 Stat. 954. 5 USC 1071 note.

(b) Service of an individual as a member of the Commission shall not be considered as service or employment bringing such individual within the provisions of section 216, 281, 283, 284, 434, or 1914 of title 18 of the United States Code, or section 190 of the Revised Statutes (5 U. S. C. 99) or section 412 of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act of 1949 (22 U. S. C. 1584); nor shall any member of the Commission by reason of his status as such be deemed to be an "officer of the Government" within the meaning of the Act of April 27, 1916 (5 U. S. C. 101).

62 Stat. 694.

63 Stat. 721.

39 Stat. 54.

SEC. 4. The Commissioners shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in carrying out the duties of the Commission.

SEC. 5. When the Commission has approved a plan of celebration, it shall submit it, insofar as it relates to the fine arts, to the Commission of Fine Arts for its approval.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 6. The Commission shall, on or before March 1, 1956, make a report to the Congress in order that further enabling legislation may be enacted.

Appropriation. *Post*, p. 519.

SEC. 7. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this joint resolution, but in no event shall the sums hereby authorized to be appropriated exceed a total of $10,000.

Expiration date.

SEC. 8. The Commission shall expire upon the completion of its duties, but in no event later than October 27, 1959.

Approved July 28, 1955.

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AN ACT

Authorizing the State Highway Commission of the State of Maine to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Saint Croix River between Calais, Maine, and Saint Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada.

Bridge. Saint Croix River, Maine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the State Highway Commission of the State of Maine is authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Saint Croix River, so far as the United States has jurisdiction over the waters of such river, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, between Calais, Maine, and Saint Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act, and subject to the approval of the proper authorities of the Government of Canada.

34 Stat. 84. 33 USC 491-498.

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

Approved July 28, 1955.