

other purposes', approved December 17, 1914, as amended; the Act entitled 'An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to prohibit the importation and use of opium for other than medicinal purposes"', approved February 9, 1909', as amended, known as the 'Narcotic Drugs Import and Export Act'; and the Act entitled 'An Act to impose an occupational excise tax upon certain dealers in marihuana, to impose a transfer tax upon certain dealings in marihuana, and to safeguard the revenue therefrom by registry and recording', approved August 2, 1937, known as the 'Marihuana Tax Act of 1937'.

"SEC. 2. The Commissioner of Customs, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, is authorized to direct the advance of funds by the Division of Disbursement, Treasury Department, in connection with the enforcement of the customs laws.

"SEC. 3. A certificate by the Commissioner of Customs or the Commissioner of Narcotics, as the case may be, stating the amount of an expenditure made from funds advanced and certifying that the confidential nature of the transaction involved renders it inadvisable to specify the details thereof or impracticable to furnish the payee's receipt shall be a sufficient voucher for the sum expressed to have been expended.

"SEC. 4. The provisions of this Act shall not affect payments made for the Bureau of Customs in foreign countries, nor the right of any customs or narcotics officer or employee to claim reimbursement for personal funds expended in connection with the enforcement of the customs or narcotics laws.

"SEC. 5. Advances pursuant to this Act in connection with the enforcement of the customs or narcotics laws may be made, notwithstanding the provisions of section 3648 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (U. S. C., title 31, sec. 529), from the appropriations available for the enforcement of such laws. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations concerning advances made pursuant to this Act as are necessary or appropriate for the protection of the interests of the United States.

"SEC. 6. When used in this Act, the term 'narcotics laws' includes the 'Marihuana Tax Act of 1937'."

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38 Stat. 785.  
26 U. S. C. §§ 1040-1054, 1383-1391; Supp. IV, §§ 1041, 1383.

42 Stat. 596.  
21 U. S. C. §§ 171, 173-177, 180, 182, 184, 185.

50 Stat. 551.  
26 U. S. C., Supp. IV, §§ 1399-1399q.  
Commissioner of Customs to direct advances.

Confidential expenditures; certificate by designated Commissioners.

Provisions respecting foreign payments and reimbursements not affected.

Prohibition against advances waived.

R. S. § 3648.  
31 U. S. C. § 529.

Rules to be prescribed.

Term "narcotics laws" to include "Marihuana Tax Act of 1937."

#### [CHAPTER 567]

#### AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, Authority to construct, maintain, and operate a highway bridge across the Susquehanna River at or near the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

*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 Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, Authority, a body corporate and politic heretofore created and existing under and by virtue of an act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, known as the Municipality Authorities Act of one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, as amended, to construct, maintain, and operate a highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Susquehanna River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 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.

SEC. 2. If tolls are charged for the use of such bridge, the rates of toll shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge

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Susquehanna River.  
Bridge authorized across, at Harrisburg, Pa.

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

Application of tolls, if charged, to operation, sinking fund, etc.



Maintenance as free  
bridge after amortiz-  
ing costs, etc.  
Record of expendi-  
tures and receipts.

Amendment.

and its approaches under economical management, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of the bridge and its approaches, including interest at a rate not to exceed 5 per centum per annum and reasonable financing cost, as soon as possible under reasonable charges, but within a period not to exceed twenty years from the date of approval of this Act. After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization shall have been so provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls. An accurate record of the costs of the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same, and of the daily tolls collected, shall be kept and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

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

Approved, August 7, 1939.

[CHAPTER 568]

AN ACT

To amend section 4894 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 35, sec. 37).

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[Public, No. 341]

Patents.  
Time of completing  
application.  
R. S. § 4894.  
35 U. S. C. § 37.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 4894 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 35, sec. 37) be amended by inserting after "six months", second occurrence, the words "or such shorter time, not less than thirty days or any extensions thereof, as shall be fixed by the Commissioner of Patents in writing to the applicant".

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[CHAPTER 569]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to reconstruct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Susquehanna River, from the borough of Wyoming, in the county of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to Jenkins Township, county of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Susquehanna River.  
Reconstruction,  
etc., of bridge across,  
from borough of Wyom-  
ing to Jenkins  
Township, Luzerne  
County, Pa.

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

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the consent of the Congress is hereby granted to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to reconstruct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Susquehanna River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, from the borough of Wyoming, in the county of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to Jenkins Township in the county of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at or in prolongation of Eighth Street as the same is now established and used in the respective municipality, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906.

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

Approved, August 7, 1939.