

entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, subject to the exemptions provided in section 1 of the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 670): *Provided*, That when the period during which the Alabama Bridge Commission is authorized to operate and maintain such bridge for toll, pursuant to Act Numbered 580, General and Local Laws of Alabama, 1939, approved September 22, 1939, has been completed the bridge shall be operated free of toll.

SEC. 2. Public Law Numbered 232, Seventy-sixth Congress, approved July 26, 1939, is hereby repealed.

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

Approved, July 8, 1940.

34 Stat. 84.  
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-498.  
33 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 503.  
*Proviso.*  
Operation free of toll.

Repeal.  
53 Stat. 1124.

Right reserved.

[CHAPTER 550]

AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Arrow Rock, Missouri.

July 8, 1940  
[S. 3807]

[Public, No. 728]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River, at or near Arrow Rock, Missouri, authorized to be built by the Saint Louis-Kansas City Short Line Railroad Company by the Act of Congress approved March 2, 1929, heretofore extended by Acts of Congress approved April 15, 1932, August 30, 1935, and May 24, 1937, are hereby further extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of approval thereof.

Missouri River.  
Time extended for bridging, at Arrow Rock, Mo.

45 Stat. 1511; 47 Stat. 82; 49 Stat. 1070; 50 Stat. 201; 53 Stat. 1207.

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

Right reserved.

Approved, July 8, 1940.

[CHAPTER 551]

AN ACT

To defray the cost of returning to the United States the remains, families, and effects of officers and employees dying abroad, and for other purposes.

July 8, 1940  
[S. 3899]

[Public, No. 729]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in case any civilian officer or employee of the United States dies (1) while in a travel status away from his official station in the United States or (2) while performing official duties in a Territory or possession of the United States or in a foreign country or in transit thereto or therefrom, the head of the department, independent establishment, agency, or federally owned or controlled corporation, hereinafter called department, in the service of which such officer or employee was engaged, is hereby authorized, under regulations to be prescribed by the President and except as otherwise provided by law, to pay from the appropriation available for the activity in which he was engaged—

Civilian officers or employees of U. S. dying abroad, etc.

(a) In case of the death of the officer or employee in such travel status in the United States, or in the case of the death of the officer or employee while performing official duties in a Territory or possession of the United States or in a foreign country or in transit thereto or therefrom, the expenses of preparing and transporting the remains of such officer or employee to his home or official station or such other place as the head of the department concerned shall determine to be the appropriate place of interment.

Transportation of remains to home, etc.

Transportation of dependents and effects to home, etc.

(b) In case of the death of the officer or employee while performing official duties in a Territory or possession of the United States or in a foreign country or in transit thereto or therefrom, the transportation expenses of his dependents, including expenses incurred in packing, crating, drayage, and transportation of household effects and other personal property to his former home or such other place as the head of the department shall determine.

Temporary absence from duty.

SEC. 2. The benefits of section 1 of this Act shall not be denied in any case on the ground that the deceased was temporarily absent from duty when death occurred.

Effective date.

SEC. 3. This Act shall become effective sixty days after its enactment.

Approved, July 8, 1940.

[CHAPTER 552]

AN ACT

July 8, 1940

[S. 3931]

[Public, No. 730]

For the acquisition of Indian lands for the Parker Dam and Reservoir project, and for other purposes.

Parker Dam project. Acquisition of Indian lands for. 49 Stat. 1039.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, in aid of the construction of the Parker Dam project, authorized by the Act of August 30, 1935 (49 Stat. 1028), there is hereby granted to the United States, its successors and assigns, subject to the provisions of this Act, all the right, title, and interest of the Indians in and to the tribal and allotted lands of the Fort Mohave Indian Reservation in Arizona and the Chemehuevi Reservation in California as may be designated by the Secretary of the Interior.

Determination of amount to be paid to Indians.

Payment by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior shall determine the amount of money to be paid to the Indians as just and equitable compensation for the rights granted under section 1 hereof. Such amount of money shall be paid to the Secretary of the Interior by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, a public corporation of the State of California, in accordance with the terms of the contract made and entered into on February 10, 1933, between the United States of America, acting through the Secretary of the Interior, and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. In the case of tribal lands, the amount due to the appropriate tribe shall be deposited by the said Secretary in the Treasury of the United States, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of May 17, 1926 (44 Stat. 560), as amended. The amounts due individual allottees, their heirs, or devisees shall be deposited by the said Secretary to the credit of the Superintendent of the Colorado River Indian Agency, or such other officer as shall be designated by the Secretary, for the credit on the books of the said agency to the accounts of the individual Indians concerned.

Deposit of amounts due tribes.

25 U. S. C. § 155.

Deposit of amounts due allottees.

Use of allottee funds.

SEC. 3. Funds deposited to the credit of the allottees, their heirs, or devisees may be used, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, for the acquisition of other lands and improvements now in Indian ownership, or the construction of improvements for the allottees, their heirs, or devisees whose lands and improvements are acquired under the provisions of this Act. Lands so acquired shall be held in the same status as those from which the funds were derived.

Regulations, etc.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to perform any and all acts and to prescribe such regulations as may be deemed appropriate to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Approved, July 8, 1940.