

from the use of said roads by military personnel of Camp McCain, between December 1942 and September 1944: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

Approved April 24, 1946.

[CHAPTER 213]

AN ACT

For the relief of Grenada County, Mississippi.

April 24, 1946
[H. R. 3195]
[Public Law 362]

Settlement of claim.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$47,685, to Grenada County, Mississippi, in full settlement of the county's claim against the United States of America for damages sustained by the county roads in the use of said roads for maneuver and other purposes by military personnel of Camp McCain, Mississippi, from December 1942 to September 1944: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

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[CHAPTER 214]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the State of Connecticut, acting by and through any agency or commission thereof, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Connecticut River at or near Old Saybrook, Connecticut.

April 24, 1946
[H. R. 4940]
[Public Law 363]

Bridge.
Connecticut River.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent is hereby granted to the State of Connecticut, acting by and through any agency or commission thereof, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Connecticut River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Old Saybrook, 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.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-
498.

Tolls.

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 and its approaches under economical management, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of the bridge and its approaches, including reasonable interest and financing cost, as soon as possible under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed thirty-one years from the completion thereof. After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization shall have been so provided,

Maintenance as free
bridge.

such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls. An accurate record of the costs of the bridge and its approaches, the expenditure 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. No toll or other charge shall be levied against any employee, civil or military, or any vehicle or conveyance, of the United States Government for the use of such bridge in the performance of official duties.

SEC. 4. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved April 24, 1946.

[CHAPTER 215]

AN ACT

Authorizing the village of Baudette, State of Minnesota, its public successors or public assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Rainy River at or near Baudette, Minnesota.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate international commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes the village of Baudette, Minnesota, its public successors and public assigns, be, and it is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge and approaches thereto across the Rainy River, so far as the United States has jurisdiction over the waters of said river, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near Baudette, Minnesota, 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 in Canada.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the village of Baudette, Minnesota, its public successors and public assigns, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property in the State of Minnesota, needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches as are now possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State of Minnesota upon making just compensation therefor to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property for public purposes in such State.

SEC. 3. The said village of Baudette, Minnesota, its public successors and public assigns, are authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge in accordance with any laws of Canada applicable thereto, and the rates of toll so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

SEC. 4. In fixing the rates of toll to be charged for the use of such bridge the same shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay for the reasonable cost of maintenance, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches under efficient and economical management, and to provide funds sufficient to amortize the cost of such bridge and its approaches, including reasonable interest and financing cost, as soon as possible, under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed twenty years from the completion thereof. After funds sufficient for such amortization of said bridge and its approaches shall have been so provided, such bridge shall

Federal use.

April 24, 1946
[H. R. 5544]
[Public Law 364]

Bridge.
Rainy River.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-498.

Approval of Canadian authorities.
Acquisition of property.

Tolls.

Supra.

Maintenance as free bridge.