

company, in the East Machias River, in said county of Washington and State of Maine, at the extreme end of said river, near the village of East Machias, in said county and State, be, and both of said trestles hereby are, declared to be lawful structures: *Provided*, That such modifications are made in their present position, condition, and elevation as the Secretary of War may order in the interests of navigation.

*Proviso.*  
—changes of position, etc.

Approved, April 12, 1900.

**CHAP. 188.**—An Act To amend an Act approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, governing the immediate transportation of dutiable merchandise without appraisement.

April 12, 1900.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the privileges of the Act approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, governing the immediate transportation of dutiable merchandise without appraisement, be, and the same are hereby, extended to the ports of Laredo, Eagle Pass, and El Paso, Texas, and Nogales, Arizona.

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Approved, April 12, 1900.

**CHAP. 189.**—An Act Permitting the building of a dam between Coon Rapids and the north limits of the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota, across the Mississippi River.

April 12, 1900.

*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 Twin City Rapid Transit Company, its successors or assigns, to construct across the Mississippi River, at any point between Coon Rapids and the north line of the limits of the city of Minneapolis, a dam, canal, and works necessarily incident thereto, for water-power purposes. The said dam shall be so constructed that there can, at any time, be constructed in connection therewith a suitable lock for navigation purposes: *Provided, also*, That the Government of the United States may at any time take possession of said dam and appurtenant works and control the same for purposes of navigation by paying the said company the value not exceeding the actual cost of the same, but shall not do so to the destruction of the water power created by said dam to any greater extent than may be necessary to provide proper facilities for navigation: *Provided further*, That the works shall be constructed so as to provide for the free passage of saw logs. The said Twin City Rapid Transit Company shall make such change and modification in the works as the Secretary of War may from time to time deem necessary in the interests of navigation, at its own cost and expense: *Provided further*, That in case any litigation arises from the obstruction of the channel by the dam, canal, or appurtenant works, the case may be tried in the proper Federal court of the United States in which the works are situated.

Twin City Rapid Transit Company may dam Mississippi River at Coon Rapids, etc.

*Provisos.*  
Government control.

Passage of saw logs.  
Changes.

Litigation.

**SEC. 2.** That the right to amend, alter, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved: *And provided further*, That suitable fishways, to be approved by the United States Fish Commissioner, shall be constructed and maintained at said dam by the Twin City Rapid Transit Company, its successors or assigns.

Amendment.  
*Proviso.*  
Fishways.

**SEC. 3.** That this Act shall become null and void unless the dam herein authorized be commenced on or before the first day of July, nineteen hundred and one, and be completed within three years thereafter.

Commencement and completion.

Approved, April 12, 1900.