

February 1, 1909.  
[H. R. 23713.]

[Public, No. 200.]

Current River, Mo.  
Carter County may  
bridge, near Van Bu-  
ren Ferry.

**CHAP. 56.**—An Act Authorizing the construction of a bridge across Current River, in Missouri.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the county court of Carter County, Missouri, their successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge, and approaches thereto, across Current River, at a point to be approved by the Chief of Engineers and Secretary of War, near Van Buren Ferry, in Carter County, Missouri.

Construction.  
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**SEC. 2.** That the bridge authorized to be constructed by this Act shall be constructed in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Amendment.

**SEC. 3.** That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby reserved.

Approved, February 1, 1909.

February 2, 1909.  
[H. R. 12899.]

[Public, No. 201.]

District of Colum-  
bia.  
Government Hospi-  
tal for the Insane.  
R. S., sec. 4839, p. 928,  
amended.  
Superintendent.  
Salary increased.

**CHAP. 58.**—An Act To provide for a disbursing officer for the Government Hospital for the Insane.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section forty-eight hundred and thirty-nine of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Appointment of dis-  
bursing agent.  
Bond.  
Duties.

**"SEC. 4839.** The chief executive officer of the Government Hospital for the Insane shall be a superintendent, who shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, shall be entitled to a salary of four thousand dollars a year, and shall give bond for the faithful performance of his duties in such sum and with such securities as may be required by the Secretary of the Interior. The superintendent shall be a well-educated physician, possessing competent experience in the care and treatment of the insane; he shall reside on the premises and devote his whole time to the welfare of the institution; he shall, subject to the approval of the board of visitors, appoint a responsible disbursing agent for the institution, who shall give a bond satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior, and the said superintendent shall engage and discharge all needful and useful employees in the care of the insane and all laborers on the farm and determine their wages and duties; he shall also be an ex officio secretary of the board of visitors. The said disbursing agent, under the direction of the superintendent, shall have the custody of and pay out all moneys appropriated by Congress for the Government Hospital for the Insane, or otherwise received for the purposes of the hospital, and all moneys received by the superintendent in behalf of the hospital or its patients, and keep an accurate account or accounts thereof. The said disbursing agent shall deposit in the Treasury of the United States, under the direction of the superintendent, all funds now in the hands of the superintendent or which may hereafter be intrusted to him by or for the use of patients, which shall be kept in a separate account; and the said disbursing agent is authorized to draw therefrom, under the direction of the said superintendent, from time to time, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, for the use of such patients, but not to exceed for any one patient the amount intrusted to the superintendent on account of such patient. During the time that any pensioner shall be an inmate of the Government Hospital for the Insane, all money due or becoming due upon his or her pension shall be paid by the pension agent to the superintendent or disbursing agent of the hospital, upon a certificate by such superintendent that the pensioner is an inmate of the hospital and is living, and such pen-

Deposit of funds.

Separate account.

Disbursement of  
pension money of in-  
mates.

sion money shall be by said superintendent or disbursing agent disbursed and used, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, for the benefit of the pensioner, and, in case of a male pensioner, his wife, minor children, and dependent parents, or, if a female pensioner, her minor children, if any, in the order named, and to pay his or her board and maintenance in the hospital, the remainder of such pension money, if any, to be placed to the credit of the pensioner and to be paid to the pensioner or the guardian of the pensioner in the event of his or her discharge from the hospital; or, in the event of the death of said pensioner while an inmate of said hospital, shall, if a female pensioner, be paid to her minor children, and, in the case of a male pensioner, be paid to his wife, if living; if no wife survives him, then to his minor children; and in case there is no wife nor minor children, then the said unexpended balance to his or her credit shall be applied to the general uses of said hospital: *Provided*, That in the case of any pensioner transferred to the hospital from the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers any pension money to his credit at said Home at the time of his said transfer shall be transferred with him to said hospital and placed to his credit therein, to be expended as hereinbefore provided, and in case of his return from said hospital to the Home any balance to his credit at said hospital shall in like manner be transferred to said Home, to be expended in accordance with the rules established in regard thereto, and this provision shall also be applicable to all unexpended pension money heretofore paid to the officers of said hospital on account of pensioners who were but are not now inmates thereof."

Use of remainder of pension, etc.

*Proviso.*  
Transfer of balances, etc., from Volunteer Soldiers' Home.

SEC. 2. That all provisions of law inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Approved, February 2, 1909.

**CHAP. 60.**—An Act To amend an Act to provide for the reorganization of the consular service of the United States.

February 3, 1909.  
[H. R. 26709.]

[Public, No. 202.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the reorganization of the consular service of the United States," approved April fifth, nineteen hundred and six, as heretofore amended, is further amended as follows: By striking out, in class nine, consuls, the word "Messina," and by inserting after the word "Carlsbad," in class seven, consuls, the word "Catania."

Consular service. Catania, Italy, made a consulate. Public Laws, 1st sess., p. 101, amended.

Approved, February 3, 1909.

**CHAP. 61.**—An Act To repeal section twelve of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for a union railroad station in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," approved February twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and three, and to provide for the location and erection of a substation on the parking at the corner formed by the intersection of the east side of Seventh street and the south side of C street southwest, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, by the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company, and to provide for the approval of the same by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

February 3, 1909.  
[H. R. 26920.]

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company shall, within thirty days from the enactment hereof, begin and within four months complete the construction of a substation, with suitable accommodation for passenger travel, on the parking at the corner formed by the intersection of the east side of Seventh street and the south side of C street southwest, and south of the south building line of C street, in the city of

District of Columbia. Union station, substation. Location in South Washington.