

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the State Roads Commission of the State of Maryland and the State Highway Department of the State of Virginia all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which real estate or other property is situated, 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 right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, June 9, 1937.

Right to acquire real estate, etc., for location, etc.

Condemnation proceedings.

Amendment.

[CHAPTER 307]

AN ACT

Authorizing the county of Wahkiakum, a legal political subdivision of the State of Washington, to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Columbia River between Puget Island and the mainland, Cathlamet, State of Washington.

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 county of Wahkiakum, a legal political subdivision of the State of Washington, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Columbia River between Puget Island and the mainland, Cathlamet, State of Washington, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, 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 said Act.

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

Approved, June 9, 1937.

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[Public, No. 140]

Columbia River.
Wahkiakum County, Wash., may bridge, Puget Island to Cathlamet.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-498.

Amendment.

[CHAPTER 308]

AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River between Saint Louis, Missouri, and Stites, Illinois.

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 Mississippi River, at or near a point on Broadway between Florida and Mullanphy Streets in the City of Saint Louis, Missouri, and a point opposite thereto, in the town of Stites, in the county of Saint Clair, State of Illinois, and connecting with Saint Clair Avenue extended in said town, authorized to be built by the county of Saint Clair, Illinois, by an Act of Congress approved August 30, 1935, heretofore extended by Act of Congress approved May 1, 1936, are hereby further extended one and three years, respectively, from August 30, 1937.

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

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[Public, No. 141]

Mississippi River.
Time extended for bridging, Saint Louis, Mo., to Stites, Ill.

49 Stat. 1057, 1253.

Amendment.

[CHAPTER 309]

AN ACT

To adjust the rank of certain Coast Guard officers on the retired list.

June 9, 1937
[H. R. 6293]
[Public, No. 142]

Coast Guard.
Rank of certain re-
tired officers.
42 Stat. 1130; 49
Stat. 1924.
14 U. S. C., Supp.
II, § 161.
Commandant; re-
tirement, pay, etc.

Subsequent ap-
pointment as captain;
grade, if not ap-
pointed.

Captains.
42 Stat. 1131; 44
Stat. 1261.
14 U. S. C. § 174.

Grade above to be
that of rear admiral
(lower half).
Commodore, retired
list; rank abolished.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act of January 12, 1923 (42 Stat. 1130; U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 14, sec. 161), as amended by the Act of June 25, 1936 (49 Stat. 1924; U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. II, title 14, sec. 161), is hereby amended by striking out the first proviso in that section and inserting the following proviso in lieu thereof: "*Provided, That any officer who has served or shall hereafter serve as commandant, if heretofore or hereafter retired, whether before or at any time after the termination of his service as commandant, shall, if receiving the pay of a rear admiral (upper half) at the termination of his service as commandant, be placed on the retired list with the rank and retired pay of a rear admiral (upper half), or, if receiving the pay of a rear admiral (lower half) at the termination of his service as commandant, shall be placed on the retired list with the rank and retired pay of a rear admiral (lower half), and that any officer whose term of service as commandant has expired may be appointed a captain and shall be an additional number in that grade, but, if not so appointed, he shall take the place on the lineal list in the grade that he would have obtained had he not served as commandant and be an additional number in such grade;*"

Sec. 2. Section 3 of the Act of January 12, 1923 (42 Stat. 1131; U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 14, sec. 174), as amended by the Act of February 28, 1927 (44 Stat. 1261), is hereby amended by striking out so much of the second proviso in that section as follows the semicolon and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "and, in the case of a captain, the rank and retired pay of one grade above shall be the rank and retired pay of a rear admiral (lower half). Any officer of the Coast Guard now having the rank of commodore on the retired list shall hereafter have in lieu thereof the rank of a rear admiral (lower half), without any increase in pay by reason of such change in rank."

Approved, June 9, 1937.

[CHAPTER 311]

AN ACT

To authorize the Works Progress Administration to lend or give World War relics and other property at Fort Eustis, Virginia, to the American Legion Museum at Newport News, Virginia.

June 10, 1937
[H. R. 4809]
[Public, No. 143]

American Legion
Museum, Newport
News, Va.

Loan or gift of cer-
tain World War relics,
etc., authorized.

List to be furnished.

Custody of returned
property.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of the Works Progress Administration is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to lend or give any World War relics, museum pieces, quartermaster material, surgical or medical equipment, or other material, now located at Fort Eustis, Virginia, which is of a character appropriate for display in a museum and which is no longer required for Government use as determined by the Director of Procurement, to the American Legion Museum at Newport News, Virginia. The Administrator of the Works Progress Administration shall furnish to the Director of Procurement a list of all property lent by him pursuant to the provisions hereof. The Director of Procurement shall have custody of any such property which may hereafter be returned by the American Legion Museum, with authority to deal therewith as in the case of other surplus personal