voluntarily and to render assistance to all marines and former marines as well as to their widows and orphans; (i) to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of peculiar interest to marines.

Sec. 3. That the corporation (a) shall have perpetual succession; (b) may charge and collect membership dues and receive contributions of money or property to be devoted to carrying out the purposes of the organization; (c) may sue or may be sued; (d) may adopt a corporate seal and alter it at pleasure; (e) may adopt and alter bylaws not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States or of any State; (f) may establish and maintain offices for the conduct of its business; (g) may appoint or elect officers and agents; (h) may choose a board of trustees, consisting of not more than fifteen persons nor less than five persons, to conduct the business and exercise the powers of the corporation; (i) may acquire, by purchase, devise, bequest, gift, or otherwise, and hold, encumber, convey, or otherwise dispose of such real and personal property as may be necessary or appropriate for its corporate purposes; and (j) generally may do any and all lawful acts necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes for which the corporation is created.

Sec. 4. That the corporation shall, on or before the 1st day of December in each year, transmit to Congress a report of its proceedings and activities for the preceding calendar year, including the full and complete statement of its receipts and expenditures. Such reports shall not be printed as public documents.

Sec. 5. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act at any time is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, August 4, 1937.

[CHAPTER 565]

AN ACT

To provide for, foster, and aid in coordinating research relating to cancer; to establish the National Cancer Institute; and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purposes of conducting researches, investigations, experiments, and studies relating to the cause, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer; assisting and fostering similar research activities by other agencies, public and private; and promoting the coordination of all such researches and activities and the useful application of their results, with a view to the development and prompt widespread use of the most effective methods of prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer, there is hereby established in the Public Health Service a division which shall be known as the National Cancer Institute (hereinafter referred to as the "Institute").

Sec. 2. The Surgeon General of the Public Health Service (hereinafter referred to as the "Surgeon General") is authorized and directed for the purposes of this Act and subject to its provisions, through the Institute and in cooperation with the National Cancer Advisory Council hereinafter established—

(a) To conduct, assist, and foster researches, investigations, experiments, and studies relating to the cause, prevention, and methods of diagnosis and treatment of cancer;

(b) To promote the coordination of researches conducted by the Institute and similar researches conducted by other agencies, organizations, and individuals;

General corporate powers.

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(c) To procure, use, and lend radium as hereinafter provided;
(d) To provide training and instruction in technical matters relating
to the diagnosis and treatment of cancer;
(e) To provide fellowships in the Institute from funds appropriated
or donated for such purpose;
(f) To secure for the Institute consultation services and advice
of cancer experts from the United States and abroad; and
(g) To cooperate with State health agencies in the prevention,
control, and eradication of cancer.

Sec. 3. There is hereby created the National Advisory Cancer
Council (herein referred to as the “Council”), to consist of six
members to be appointed by the Surgeon General with the approval
of the Secretary of the Treasury, and of the Surgeon General, ex
officio, who shall be chairman of the Council. The six appointed
members shall be selected from leading medical or scientific author-
ities who are outstanding in the study, diagnosis, or treatment of
cancer in the United States. Each appointed member shall hold
office for a term of three years, except that (1) any member
appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the
term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed
for the remainder of such term, and (2) the terms of office of the
members first taking office shall expire, as designated by the Surgeon
General at the time of appointment, two at the end of the first year,
two at the end of the second year, and two at the end of the third
year after the date of the first meeting of the Council. No appointed
member shall be eligible to serve continuously for more than three
years but shall be eligible for reappointment if he has not served
as a member of the Council at any time within twelve months
immediately preceding his reappointment. Each appointed member
shall receive compensation at the rate of $25 per day during the
time spent in attending meetings of the Council and for the time
devoted to official business of the Council under this Act, and actual
and necessary traveling and subsistence expenses while away from
his place of residence upon official business under this Act.

Sec. 4. The Council is authorized—
(a) To review research projects or programs submitted to or
initiated by it relating to the study of the cause, prevention, or
methods of diagnosis and treatment of cancer, and certify approval
to the Surgeon General for prosecution under section 2 (a) hereof
any such projects which it believes show promise of making valuable
contributions to human knowledge with respect to the cause, preven-
tion, or methods of diagnosis and treatment of cancer;
(b) To collect information as to studies which are being carried
on in the United States or any other country as to the cause, prevent-
tion, and methods of diagnosis and treatment of cancer, by corre-
spondence or by personal investigation of such studies, and with the
approval of the Surgeon General make available such information
through the appropriate publications for the benefit of health agen-
cies and organizations (public or private), physicians, or any other
scientists, and for the information of the general public;
(c) To review applications from any university, hospital, labora-
tory, or other institution, whether public or private, or from indi-
viduals, for grants-in-aid for research projects relating to cancer,
and certify to the Surgeon General its approval of grants-in-aid
in the cases of such projects which show promise of making valuable
contributions to human knowledge with respect to the cause, prevent-
tion, or methods of diagnosis or treatment of cancer;
(d) To recommend to the Secretary of the Treasury for acceptance
conditional gifts pursuant to section 6; and

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nical matters.
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semination of informa-
tion.
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tions of grants-in-aid
for research projects.
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ditional gifts.
(e) To make recommendations to the Surgeon General with respect to carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 5. In carrying out the provisions of section 2 the Surgeon General is authorized—

(a) With the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to purchase radium, from time to time, without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes; to make such radium available for use in carrying out the purposes of this Act; and, for such consideration and subject to such conditions as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe, to lend such radium to institutions, now existing or hereafter established in the United States for the study of the cause, prevention, or methods of diagnosis or treatment of cancer, or for the treatment of cancer;

(b) To provide the necessary facilities where training and instruction may be given in all technical matters relating to diagnosis and treatment of cancer to such persons as in the opinion of the Surgeon General have proper technical training and shall be designated by him for such training or instruction; such persons while receiving training or instruction may, with the approval of the Surgeon General, receive a per-diem allowance to be fixed by the Surgeon General but not to exceed $10;

(c) To establish and maintain, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, research fellowships in the Institute with such stipends or allowances (including traveling and subsistence expenses) as the Surgeon General may deem necessary to procure the assistance of the most brilliant and promising research fellows from the United States or abroad;

(d) To secure for the Institute, from time to time and for such periods as may be advisable, the assistance and advice of experts, scholars, and consultants from the United States or abroad who are learned and experienced in the problems involved in accomplishing the purposes of this Act;

(e) To make grants in aid for research projects certified by the Council pursuant to section 4 (e); and

(f) To adopt, upon recommendation of the Council and with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, such additional means as the Surgeon General may deem necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this Act.

Sec. 6. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to accept on behalf of the United States gifts made unconditionally by will or otherwise for study, investigation, or research into the cause, prevention, and methods of diagnosis and treatment of cancer, or for the acquisition of grounds or for the erection, equipment, and maintenance of premises, buildings, and equipment for the Institute. Conditional gifts may be accepted by the Secretary if recommended by the Surgeon General and the Council. Any such gifts, if in money, shall be held in trusts and shall be invested by the Secretary of the Treasury in securities of the United States, and the principal or income thereof shall be expended by the Surgeon General, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, for the purposes prescribed by this Act, subject to the same examination and audit as provided for appropriations made for the Public Health Service by Congress. Donations of $500,000 or over in aid of research under this Act shall be acknowledged permanently by the establishment within the Institute of suitable memorials to the donors.

Sec. 7. (a) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated a sum not to exceed $750,000 for the erection and equipment of a suitable and adequate building and facilities for the use of the Institute in...
AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Natchez, Mississippi.

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 the bridge across the Mississippi River, at or near Natchez, Mississippi, authorized to be built by the city of Natchez and county of Adams, State of Mississippi, by the Act of Congress approved August 30, 1935, as amended by the Act of Congress approved May 1, 1936, are hereby 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.

Approved, August 5, 1937.

[CHAPTER 566]  AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Natchez, Mississippi.

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 the bridge across the Mississippi River, at or near Natchez, Mississippi, authorized to be built by the city of Natchez and county of Adams, State of Mississippi, by the Act of Congress approved August 30, 1935, as amended by the Act of Congress approved May 1, 1936, are hereby 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.

Approved, August 5, 1937.