[CHAPTER 447]

AN ACT

September 28, 1944 [H. R. 4207] [Public Law 445]

To authorize the construction and operation of a free highway bridge across the Monongahela River in the county of Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

Monongahela River. Bridge, Allegheny County, Pa. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the county of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, its successors and assigns, is hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto at any or all of the following points within the county of Allegheny, Pennsylvania:

Rankin to Whitaker.

(a) Across the Monongahela River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, from the borough of Rankin, Pennsylvania, to the borough of Whitaker, Pennsylvania, to replace the existing Rankin Bridge, all 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. Time limitation.

SEC. 2. Construction of the bridge authorized by this Act shall commence within three years after its approval by the President of the United States, and shall be completed within five years from the time

of the said approval.

Permit.

53 Stat. 1078.

SEC. 3. In the event that the United States War Department, Corps of Engineers, has previously held hearings and approved plans and permit issued thereon by the Secretary of War for the aforesaid bridge under the terms of an Act of Congress authorizing construction of the said bridge, Public Act Numbered 210 of the Seventy-sixth Congress, the Secretary of War is authorized by this section to issue a permit for the construction of the said bridge according to the plans previously approved by the United States Department of War, Corps of Engineers.

Sec. 4. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly

reserved.

Approved September 28, 1944.

[CHAPTER 448]

AN ACT

September 30, 1944 [H. R. 2752] [Public Law 446]

To authorize the acquisition of additional lands and flowage easements for the Pleasant Hill Reservoir, Ohio, and for other purposes.

Pleasant Hill Reservoir, Ohio.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, with the consent of the owners thereof, the Secretary of War in his discretion shall acquire, on behalf of the United States, title in fee simple to, or flowage easements over, such additional lands in the vicinity of Perrysville, Ohio, as the Chief of Engineers may find to be subjected to flooding as a result of the impounding of water in the Pleasant Hill Reservoir, a unit in the Muskingum Watershed flood control project.

Approved September 30, 1944.

[CHAPTER 449]

AN ACT

September 30, 1944 [H. R. 3704] [Public Law 447]

To amend the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941, as amended.

Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941, amendments.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 212 (55 Stat. 12), as amended by the Act of November 23, 1942 (56 Stat.