

[CHAPTER 471]

AN ACT

To extend the times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at Mill Street in Brainerd, Minnesota.

November 14, 1945
[S. 1259]
[Public Law 221]

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 Mill Street in Brainerd, Minnesota, authorized to be built by the State of Minnesota by an Act of Congress approved June 13, 1944, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from June 13, 1945.

Mississippi River,
Bridge in Brainerd,
Minn.

58 Stat. 275.

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

Approved November 14, 1945.

[CHAPTER 472]

AN ACT

To facilitate further the disposition of prizes captured by the United States, and for other purposes.

November 14, 1945
[S. 1420]
[Public Law 222]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the Act of August 18, 1942 (56 Stat. 746), as amended (34 U. S. C. 1159), is hereby further amended to read as follows: "That the district courts shall have original jurisdiction of all prizes captured during war if said capture was made by authority of the United States or was adopted and ratified by the President of the United States and the prize was brought into the territorial waters of a cobelligerent or into a locality in the temporary or permanent possession or occupation of the armed forces of the United States or was taken or appropriated for the use of the United States, including jurisdiction of all proceedings for the condemnation of such property taken as prize".

Jurisdiction of prizes
and of proceedings for
condemnation.
34 U. S. C., Supp.
IV, § 1159.

SEC. 2. Section 4621 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (34 U. S. C. 1137), is hereby further amended to read as follows: "Any district court may appoint prize commissioners, not exceeding three in number; of whom one shall be a naval officer, active or retired, approved by the Secretary of the Navy, who shall receive no other compensation than his pay in the Navy, and who shall protect the interests of the Department of the Navy in the prize property; and at least one of the others shall be a member of the bar of the court, of not less than three years' standing, and acquainted with the taking of depositions."

Prize commission-
ers.

SEC. 3. Section 4624 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (34 U. S. C. 1140), is hereby further amended by inserting before the period at the end thereof the following: " : *Provided*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the seized property is taken or appropriated for the use of the United States whether before or after it comes into the custody of the prize court, the prize court is authorized to proceed to adjudication on the basis of an inventory and survey and an appropriate undertaking by the United States to respond for the value of such property without the necessity for either an appraisal or the deposit of the value of the prize with the Treasurer of the United States or any other public depository".

Adjudication; basis.

Approved November 14, 1945.

[CHAPTER 482]

AN ACT

November 15, 1945
[S. 940]
[Public Law 223]

To provide for terms of the District Court of the United States for the District of Nevada.

U. S. courts.
36 Stat. 1113.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 94 of the Judicial Code, as amended (U. S. C., title 28, sec. 174), is amended to read as follows:

Nevada judicial district.
Terms of court.

“The State of Nevada shall constitute one judicial district, to be known as the district of Nevada. Terms of the district court shall be held at Carson City on the first Mondays in February and May, at Las Vegas on the first Mondays in March and October, at Reno on the first Mondays in January and June, and at Elko on the first Monday in November: *Provided*, That suitable accommodations for holding court at Elko shall be provided without expense to the United States.”

Approved November 15, 1945.

[CHAPTER 483]

AN ACT

November 15, 1945
[S. 1139]
[Public Law 224]

For the relief of the residents of Guam through the settlement of meritorious claims.

Guam.
Settlement of damage claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of granting immediate relief to the residents of Guam, the prompt settlement of meritorious claims arising in Guam, the Secretary of the Navy, and such other officer or officers as the Secretary of the Navy may designate for such purposes and under such regulations as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe, are hereby authorized to appoint a claims commission or commissions, each composed of one or more officers of the Navy or the Marine Corps, to consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, and make payments of amounts determined as just compensation, where accepted by the claimant in full satisfaction and in final settlement, including waiver of any claims against the War Damage Corporation, of claims for damage occurring in Guam, including claims of insured but excluding claims of subrogees, on account of damage to or loss or destruction of public property, both real and personal, or on account of damage to or loss or destruction of private property, both real and personal of residents of Guam, including claims for damage to or loss or destruction of personal property bailed to the Government and claims for damages incident to use and occupation of real property, whether under a lease, express or implied, or otherwise, when such damage, loss, or destruction is the result of or incident to hostilities or hostile occupation, or is caused by or incident to noncombat activities of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps forces or individual members thereof, including military and civilian employees thereof, where the amount of such claim does not exceed \$5,000: *Provided*, That no claim shall be considered by such commissions unless presented within one year after the occurrence of the accident or the incident or engagement out of which such claim arises, except that claims arising out of accidents, incidents, or engagements, after December 6, 1941, but prior to the first day of the month following enactment of this Act, may be presented at any time prior to the

Appointment of commissions.

Claims incident to hostilities, etc.

Time limitation.