

July 13, 1892.

CHAP. 160.—An act authorizing The Aransas Harbor Terminal Railway Company to construct a bridge across the Corpus Christi Channel, known as the Morris and Cummings Ship Channel, in Aransas County, Texas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That The Aransas Harbor Terminal Railway Company, a corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Texas, is hereby authorized and empowered to erect, construct, maintain, and operate a bridge over and across the Corpus Christi Channel, known as the Morris and Cummings Ship Channel, in Aransas County, Texas. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of railway trains on and over a double or single track as said Aransas Harbor Terminal Railway Company may elect.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall be constructed with a draw or turn of sufficient capacity to afford free passage to such vessels and boats as navigate said channel: *Provided,* That said bridge shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of boats and other water craft, except when trains are passing over the draw or turn; but in no case shall unnecessary delay occur in opening the draw or turn after the passage of trains or at any other time; and the said Aransas Harbor Terminal Railway Company shall maintain at its own expense, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals on said bridge as the United States Light-House Board shall prescribe. And no bridge shall be erected and maintained under the authority of this act which shall at any time substantially or materially obstruct the free navigation of said channel; and if any bridge erected under such authority shall, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, obstruct such navigation, he is hereby authorized to cause such change or alteration of such bridge to be made as will effectually obviate such obstruction, and all such alterations shall be made and all such obstructions be removed at the expense of the owner of said bridge. And in case of any obstruction, or alleged obstruction, to the navigation of said channel, caused, or alleged to be caused, by said bridge, the case may be brought in the circuit court of the United States in which any portion of said obstruction or bridge may be located: *Provided further,* That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to repeal or modify any of the provisions of law now existing in reference to the protection of navigation of rivers, or to exempt this bridge from the operations of the same. That all railroad companies desiring the use of any bridge constructed under this act shall have and be entitled to equal rights and privileges relative to the passage of railway trains or cars over the same and over the approaches thereto upon payment of a reasonable compensation for such use; and in case the owner or owners of said bridge, and the several railroad companies, or any one of them desiring such use, shall fail to agree upon the sum or sums to be paid, and upon rules and conditions to which each shall conform in using said bridge, all matters at issue between them shall be decided by the Secretary of War upon a hearing of the allegations and proofs of the parties.

SEC. 3. That any bridge authorized to be constructed under this act shall be located and built under and subject to such regulations for the security of said channel as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object, the said corporation shall, at least two months previous to the commencement of the construction of said bridge, submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of the bridge and a map of the location, giving such information as may be necessary to enable the Secretary of War to judge of the proper location of said bridge, and shall furnish such information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until such plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War, the bridge shall not be built; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction or after completion such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Aransas Harbor and Terminal Railway Company may bridge Corpus Christi Channel, Tex.

Railway bridge.

Draw.

Provisos.

Opening draw.

Lights, etc.

Unobstructed navigation.

Litigation.

Existing laws not affected.

Use by other companies.

Terms.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Changes.

SEC. 4. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved, and the right to require any changes in said structure, or its entire removal at the expense of the owners thereof, whenever Congress shall decide that the public interest requires it, is also expressly reserved.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 5. That this act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the passage of this act.

Commencement and completion.

Approved, July 13, 1892.

CHAP. 161.—An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and for other purposes.

July 13, 1892.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and for other purposes, namely:

Pensions appropriations.

For Army and Navy pensions, as follows: For invalids, widows, minor children, and dependent relatives; survivors and widows of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve and with Mexico, including allowances under the act of Congress approved June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety, and all arrears of pensions granted by the acts of January twenty-fifth and March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, or by any other existing law, one hundred and forty-four million nine hundred and fifty-six thousand dollars: *Provided,* That the appropriation aforesaid for Navy pensions shall be paid from the income of the Navy pension fund, so far as the same may be sufficient for that purpose: *And provided further,* That the amount expended under each of the above items shall be accounted for separately. And any unexpended balance of the appropriation for the payment of the arrears of pensions granted by the act of Congress approved January twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, made by the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, is hereby covered into the Treasury.

Invalid, etc., pensions.

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Provisos.

Navy pensions.

Accounts.

Balance for arrears covered in.

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For fees and expenses of examining surgeons for services rendered within the fiscal year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. And each member of each examining board shall, as now authorized by law, receive the sum of two dollars for the examination of each applicant whenever five or a less number shall be examined on any one day, and one dollar for the examination of each additional applicant on such day: *Provided,* That if twenty or more applicants appear on one day, no fewer than twenty shall, if practicable, be examined on said day, and that if fewer examinations be then made, twenty or more having appeared, then there shall be paid for the first examinations made on the next examination day the fee of one dollar only until twenty examinations shall have been made: *Provided further,* That no fee shall be paid to any member of an examining board unless personally present and assisting in the examination of applicant.

Examining surgeons' fees.

Provisos.

Examinations.

No fee unless service rendered.

For salaries of eighteen agents for the payment of pensions, at four thousand dollars each, seventy-two thousand dollars.

Agents' salaries.

For clerk hire, four hundred thousand dollars: *Provided* That the amount of clerk hire for each agency shall be apportioned as nearly as practicable in proportion to the number of pensioners paid at each agency, and the salaries paid shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Clerk hire.
Proviso.
Apportionment.

For fuel, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Fuel.