

CHAP. 60.—An Act To authorize the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway Company to rebuild and reconstruct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Tennessee River near Chattanooga, in Hamilton County, in the State of Tennessee.

April 5, 1916.
[S. 4657.]

[Public, No. 42.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, its successors and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to rebuild and reconstruct, maintain, and operate the bridge and the approaches thereto leased by it from the trustees of the Cincinnati Southern Railway, a railroad existing by virtue of the laws of the States of Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee, across the Tennessee River near the city of Chattanooga, in Hamilton County, in the State of Tennessee, 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 twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Tennessee River.
Cincinnati, New
Orleans and Texas
Railway Company
may bridge, Chat-
tanooga, Tenn.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved.

Approved, April 5, 1916.

CHAP. 63.—An Act Conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to hear, determine, and render judgment in claims of the Sisseton and Wahpeton bands of Sioux Indians against the United States.

April 11, 1916.
[S. 585.]

[Public, No. 43.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all claims of whatsoever nature which the Sisseton and Wahpeton bands of Sioux Indians may have or claim to have against the United States shall be submitted to the Court of Claims, with the right to appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States by either party, for the amount due or claimed to be due said bands from the United States under any treaties or laws of Congress; and jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the Court of Claims to hear and determine all claims of said bands against the United States and also any legal or equitable defense, set-off, or counterclaim which the United States may have against said Sisseton and Wahpeton bands of Sioux Indians, and to enter judgment, and in determining the amount to be entered herein the court shall deduct from any sums found due said Sisseton and Wahpeton bands of Sioux Indians any and all gratuities paid said bands or individual members thereof subsequent to March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three: *Provided,* That in determining the amount to be entered herein, the value of the land involved shall not exceed the value of such land on March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three. If any such question is submitted to said court it shall settle the rights, both legal and equitable, of said bands of Indians and the United States, notwithstanding lapse of time or statute of limitations. Such action in the Court of Claims shall be presented by a single petition, to be filed within one year after the passage of this Act, making the United States a party defendant which shall set forth all the facts on which the said bands of Indians base their claims for recovery; and the said petition may be verified by the agent or authorized attorney or attorneys of said bands, to be selected by said bands and employed under contract approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with the provisions of existing law, upon information or belief as to the existence of such facts, and no other statements or verifications shall be necessary. Official letters, papers, reports, and public records, or certified copies thereof, may be used as evidence. Whatever moneys may be found due the Sisseton and Wahpeton bands of Indians under the provisions of this Act, less attor-

Sisseton and Wah-
peton Sioux Indians.
Claims of, submitted
to Court of Claims.

Provisos.
Procedure, etc.

Disposition of mon-
eys found due.

Attorneys' fees. ney's fees, shall be placed to their credit in the Treasury of the United States: *Provided*, That the compensation to be paid the attorney or attorneys for the claimant Indians shall be determined by the Secretary of the Interior, but in any event shall not be greater than the amount named in the approved contract: *Provided further*, That such compensation shall in no event exceed \$15,000

Limit. Approved, April 11, 1916

April 11, 1916.
[S. 4300.] **CHAP. 64.**—An Act To create an additional judge in the district of New Jersey.

[Public, No. 44.] *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint an additional judge of the district court of the United States for the district of New Jersey, who shall reside in said district, and whose term of office, compensation, duties, and powers shall be the same as now provided by law for the judge of said district.

New Jersey judicial district. Additional judge authorized. Vol. 36, p. 1087. Post, p. 818.

Effect. **SEC. 2.** That this Act shall take effect immediately.

Approved, April 11, 1916.

April 11, 1916.
[S. 3391.] **CHAP. 65.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act for the relief of Indians occupying railroad lands in Arizona, New Mexico, or California," approved March fourth, nineteen hundred and thirteen.

[Public, No. 45.] *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all of the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act for the relief of Indians occupying railroad lands in Arizona, New Mexico, or California," approved March fourth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, be, and the same are hereby, extended for a period of two years from and after the fourth day of March, nineteen hundred and sixteen: *Provided*, That there may be exchanged under the provisions of the Act named herein a total area not exceeding ten thousand acres in Arizona and twenty-five thousand acres in New Mexico

Public lands. Time extended for relinquishing lands to Indians in Arizona, New Mexico, and California. Vol. 37, p. 1007.

Proviso. Total area.

Approved, April 11, 1916.

April 11, 1916.
[S. 3977.] **CHAP. 66.**—An Act To authorize the Shamokin, Sunbury and Lewisburg Railroad Company, its lessees, successors, and assigns, to construct a bridge across the Susquehanna River from the borough of Sunbury, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, to Monroe Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania.

[Public, No. 46.] *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Shamokin, Sunbury and Lewisburg Railroad Company, its lessees, successors, and assigns, be, and they are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto, across the Susquehanna River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or about five hundred and sixty feet north of Sunbury Station, county of Northumberland, State of Pennsylvania, to a point at or near the existing bridge south of Clement Station, in the township of Monroe, in the county of Snyder, in the State of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Susquehanna River. Shamokin, Sunbury and Lewisburg Railroad Company may bridge, Sunbury to Monroe, Pa.

Construction. Vol. 34, p. 84.

Amendment. **SEC. 2.** That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, April 11, 1916.