

Payments may be made in United States bonds.

Any payment of interest or of principal may be made at the option of the Kingdom of Rumania in any obligations of the United States issued after April 6, 1917, such obligations to be taken at par and accrued interest.

Approved, May 3, 1926.

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[H. R. 6777.]  
[Public, No. 168.]

**CHAP. 224.**—An Act To authorize the settlement of the indebtedness of the Czechoslovak Republic to the United States of America.

Czechoslovak Republic.  
Settlement of its World War indebtedness approved.  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the settlement of the indebtedness of the Czechoslovak Republic to the United States of America made by the World War Foreign Debt Commission and approved by the President upon the terms and conditions as set forth in Senate Document Numbered 6, Sixty-ninth Congress, first session, is hereby approved in general terms as follows:

Net indebtedness.

The net amount of the indebtedness in settlement of the financial differences between the two Governments and/or their agencies, both principal and interest, is fixed as of June 15, 1925, at \$115,000,000.

Principal amount of bonds.

The principal amount of the bonds to be delivered to the United States is \$185,071,023.07, the increase over the funded indebtedness as of June 15, 1925, being due to the smaller payments during the first eighteen years than would have been payable upon the basis of the British-American settlement, this difference being funded over the remaining forty-four years, compounded annually, at the rates of 3 per centum per annum up to and including the tenth year and 3½ per centum per annum from the eleventh to the eighteenth year, both inclusive. The principal of the bonds shall be paid in semiannual installments on June 15 and December 15 of each year up to and including June 15, 1943, and thereafter in annual installments, subject to the right of the Czechoslovak Republic, after June 15, 1943, to make such payments in three-year periods. The first thirty-six semiannual installments are to be \$1,500,000 each, and are to be paid without interest on June 15 and December 15 of each year. The remaining forty-four installments are to be paid annually on June 15 of each year, with interest at the rate of 3½ per centum per annum from June 15, 1943, payable semiannually on June 15 and December 15 of each year. The amount of the installment due in the nineteenth year is \$1,296,023.07, the annual installments to increase thereafter until in the sixty-second year the amount of the final installment will be \$5,685,000, the aggregate installments being equal to the total face amount of bonds to be delivered, namely, \$185,071,023.07.

Principal payable in installments.

Installments without interest.

Interest on remaining.

Prior payments allowed.

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The Czechoslovak Republic shall have the right to pay off additional amounts of the principal of the bonds on June 15 or December 15 of any year upon not less than ninety days' advance notice.

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**CHAP. 225.**—An Act Authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Colorado River near Blythe, California.

May 3, 1926.  
[H. R. 8190.]  
[Public No. 169.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to John Lyle Harrington, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Colorado River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, near the city of Blythe, California, 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.

Colorado River.  
John Lyle Harrington may bridge, near Blythe, Calif.

Construction.  
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**SEC. 2.** There is hereby conferred upon the said John Lyle Harrington, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, appropriate, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches and terminals as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes, or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State or States in which such real estate and other property are located upon making just compensation therefor to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State or States, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation and expropriation of property in such State or States.

Authorized to acquire real, etc., property for approaches, etc.

**SEC. 3.** The said John Lyle Harrington, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, are hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge, and the rates so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under the authority contained in such act of March 23, 1906.

Tolls allowed.  
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**SEC. 4.** After the date of completion of such bridge, as determined by the Secretary of War, either the State of California, the State of Arizona, any political subdivision of either of such States, within or adjoining which any part of such bridge is located, or any two or more of them jointly, may at any time acquire and take over all right, title, and interest in such bridge and approaches, and interests in real property necessary therefor, by purchase, or by condemnation in accordance with the law of either of such States governing the acquisition of private property for public purposes by condemnation. If at any time after the expiration of twenty years after the completion of such bridge it is acquired by condemnation, the amount of damages or compensation to be allowed shall not include good will, going value, or prospective revenues or profits, but shall be limited to the sum of (1) the actual cost of constructing such bridge and approaches, less a reasonable deduction for actual depreciation in respect of such bridge and approaches, (2) the actual cost of acquiring such interests in real property, (3) actual financing and promotion costs (not to exceed 10 per centum of the sum of the cost of construction of such bridge and approaches and the acquisition of such interests in real property), and (4) actual expenditures for necessary improvements.

Acquisition authorized, after completion, by California, Arizona, etc.

Compensation, if acquired by condemnation.

Limitation.

**SEC. 5.** The said John Lyle Harrington, his heirs, legal representatives, and assigns shall within ninety days after the completion of such bridge file with the Secretary of War a sworn itemized statement showing the actual original cost of constructing such bridge and approaches, including the actual cost of acquiring interests in real property and actual financing and promotion costs. Within three years after the completion of such bridge, the Secretary of War may investigate the actual cost of such bridge, and for such

Sworn statement of costs, etc., to be filed after completion.

Investigation by Secretary of War.