

55 Stat. 1647.
50 U. S. C., Supp.
IV, app., note prec. § 1.

and void unless the actual construction of the bridge herein referred to be commenced within one year and completed within three years after the date of the termination of the unlimited national emergency proclaimed by the President on May 27, 1941.

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

Approved November 14, 1945.

[CHAPTER 470]

AN ACT

November 14, 1945
[S. 1219]
[Public Law 220]

Authorizing the city of Saint Francisville, Illinois, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Wabash River at or near Saint Francisville, Illinois.

Wabash River.
Bridge at Saint
Francisville, Ill.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to promote interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for the military and other purposes, the city of Saint Francisville, Illinois, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Wabash River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Saint Francisville, Illinois, 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.
Acquisition of real
estate, etc.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred on the city of Saint Francisville, Illinois, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, maintenance, and operation of such bridge and its approaches, as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which such real estate or other property is situated, upon making just compensation therefor, to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property for public purposes in such State.

Tolls.
34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-
498.

SEC. 3. The city of Saint Francisville, Illinois, is hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge, and the rates of toll so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under the authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

Application of tolls
to maintenance, sink-
ing fund, etc.

SEC. 4. In fixing the rates of toll to be charged for the use of such bridge the same shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay for the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches under economical management, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of such bridge and its approaches, including interest at a rate of not to exceed 5 per centum per annum and reasonable financing cost, as soon as possible, under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed thirty years from the completion thereof. After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization shall have been so provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls. An accurate record of the cost of the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same, and of the daily tolls collected shall be kept and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

Operation as free
bridge.

SEC. 5. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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[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.

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