

payer, an agreement between such taxpayer and the Commission with respect to such construction and containing provisions deemed necessary or advisable by the Commission to carry out the purposes and policy of this section."

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 715]

AN ACT

Granting the consent of Congress to the State of Tennessee Department of Highways and Public Works to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge across the Clinch River at the point where such river is crossed by United States Highway Numbered 25E.

December 23, 1944
[H. R. 5002]
[Public Law 553]

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 the State of Tennessee Department of Highways and Public Works to construct, maintain, and operate a free highway bridge and approaches thereto across the Clinch River in a manner suitable to the interests of navigation at the point where such river is crossed by United States Highway Numbered 25E, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, as amended, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

Clinch River bridge,
Tenn.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-498.

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

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 716]

AN ACT

To authorize certain transactions by disbursing officers of the United States, and for other purposes.

December 23, 1944
[H. R. 5062]
[Public Law 554]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subject to regulations promulgated pursuant to this Act, disbursing officers of the United States are hereby authorized, for official purposes, or for the accommodation of military, naval, and civilian personnel of the United States Government, and personnel of contractors and of authorized nongovernmental agencies operating with the armed forces of the United States, to cash and negotiate checks, drafts, bills of exchange, and other instruments payable in United States and foreign currencies, and to conduct exchange transactions involving United States and foreign currency and coin, checks, drafts, bills of exchange, and other instruments. Any official funds which are held by such disbursing officers and which are available for expenditure may, with the approval of the head of the agency having jurisdiction over such funds, be utilized for this purpose.

Authorization of certain transactions by U. S. disbursing officers.

Use of official funds.

SEC. 2. Any gains in the accounts of disbursing officers of the United States resulting from operations permitted by this Act shall be paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such amounts as may be necessary to adjust any deficiencies in the accounts of disbursing officers of the United States which may result from such operations.

Resulting gains or deficiencies.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Treasury and, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Treasury, the heads of other executive departments having jurisdiction over disbursing officers of the United States are hereby authorized respectively to issue such rules and regulations, governing the disbursing officers under their respective juris-

Rules and regulations.

dictions, as may be deemed necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Effective period.

SEC. 4. The provisions of this Act shall be effective from and after December 7, 1941, and shall remain in force during the continuance of the present war and for six months after the termination of the war, or until such earlier time as the Congress by concurrent resolution or the President may designate.

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 717]

AN ACT

December 23, 1944
[H. R. 5154]
[Public Law 555]

Relating to dual employment in the Postal Service, and for other purposes.

Postal Service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Act of March 1, 1929, entitled "An Act for the relief of present and former postmasters and acting postmasters, and for other purposes" (45 Stat. 1441), as amended (39 U. S. C., 1940 edition, Supp. III, 136), is amended to read as follows:

Dual employment.

"When in the judgment of the Postmaster General the needs and interests of the Postal Service so require he may employ mail messengers and postal employees in a dual capacity, or assign extra duties to such mail messengers and postal employees; and, notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1763, 1764, and 1765 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., title 5, secs. 58, 69, and 70), compensation shall be paid to such mail messengers and postal employees for such services at the rate provided by law for such services."

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 718]

AN ACT

December 23, 1944
[H. R. 5206]
[Public Law 556]

To authorize Belfry Coal Company to construct, maintain, and operate a free suspension bridge conveyor across the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River at or near Sprigg, West Virginia.

Tug Fork of Big
Sandy River.
Bridge at Sprigg, W.
Va.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Belfry Coal Company (not incorporated), its successors or assigns, is hereby authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a free suspension bridge conveyor and approaches thereto across the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River between Pike County, Kentucky, and Mingo County, West Virginia, at mile 63.8 at or near Sprigg, West Virginia, 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 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-
498.

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

Approved December 23, 1944.

[CHAPTER 719]

AN ACT

December 23, 1944
[H. R. 5219]
[Public Law 557]

To provide for the granting of rights-of-way for pipe lines for petroleum and petroleum products and for telephone and/or telegraph lines through and across lands of the United States within the area of Indian Rock Dam and Reservoir, located in York County, Pennsylvania.

Indian Rock Dam
and Reservoir Area,
Pa.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, under such