

Public Law 678

CHAPTER 536

AN ACT

To provide for a temporary increase in the public debt limit.

July 9, 1956
[H. R. 11740]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, during the period beginning on July 1, 1956, and ending on June 30, 1957, the public debt limit set forth in the first sentence of section 21 of the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, shall be temporarily increased by \$3,000,000,000.

49 Stat. 21.
31 USC 757b.

Approved July 9, 1956.

Public Law 679

CHAPTER 537

AN ACT

To continue the effectiveness of the Act of December 2, 1942, as amended, and the Act of July 28, 1945, as amended, relating to war-risk hazard and detention benefits until July 1, 1957.

July 9, 1956
[H. R. 11802]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 201 of the Act of December 2, 1942 (ch. 668, 56 Stat. 1033), as amended, is further amended by deleting the words "July 1, 1956" and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 1957".

69 Stat. 241.
42 USC 1711.

SEC. 2. Section 5 (b) of the Act of July 28, 1945 (ch. 328, 59 Stat. 505), as amended, is further amended by deleting the words "July 1, 1956" and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 1957".

69 Stat. 241.
5 USC 801.

Approved July 9, 1956.

Public Law 680

CHAPTER 553

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize an appropriation to provide for certain costs of United States participation in the International Bureau for the Publication of Customs Tariffs.

July 11, 1956
[S. J. Res. 178]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of State the sum of \$44,975 for payment by the United States of certain contributions for the support of the International Bureau for the Publication of Customs Tariffs for the period beginning April 1, 1950, and extending through the fiscal year expiring June 30, 1957.

Approved July 11, 1956.

Public Law 681

CHAPTER 554

AN ACT

To authorize an allowance for civilian officers and employees of the Government who are notaries public.

July 11, 1956
[S. 1542]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That civilian officers and employees of the departments and establishments of the Federal Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia who are required to serve as notaries public in connection with the

Notaries Public
Expense Act of
1955.

performance of official business shall be paid an allowance to be established by the department or establishment concerned not to exceed the expense required to be incurred by them in order to obtain their commission from and after January 1, 1955.

SEC. 2. Funds available to the departments and establishments of the Federal Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia for personal services or general administrative expenses shall be available to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 3. This Act may be cited as the "Notaries Public Expense Act of 1955".

Approved July 11, 1956.

Public Law 682

CHAPTER 555

AN ACT

July 11, 1956
(S. 2091)

Authorizing the reconstruction, enlargement, and extension of the bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Rock Island, Illinois.

Bridge recon-
struction.
Rock Island, Ill.

52 Stat. 110.

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 entitled "An Act authorizing the city of Rock Island, Illinois, or its assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Rock Island, Illinois, and to a place at or near the city of Davenport, Iowa", approved March 18, 1938, is amended by inserting "(a)" immediately after "That" and by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(b) The city of Rock Island, Illinois, or any State or political subdivision thereof which may have acquired the bridge constructed pursuant to the subsection (a) of this section, is hereby authorized, subject to the prior approval of the plans by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of the Army, to reconstruct and enlarge such bridge and to reconstruct, enlarge, and extend the approaches to such bridge, including, but not limiting the generality of the foregoing, the altering, widening, laying out, opening, or constructing of any streets, avenues, or boulevards within or without any municipality deemed necessary by said city, or any State, public agency, or political subdivision that may take over or acquire said bridge in order to provide adequate traffic regulations and approach or approaches to the said bridge: *Provided,* That such approaches shall include only those necessary portions of streets, avenues, and boulevards which are directly connected with the bridge, or which are located immediately adjacent thereto, and whose principal use is to provide access to the bridge."

SEC. 2. Section 2 of such Act of March 18, 1938, is amended by inserting "(including reconstructing, enlarging, and extending such bridge and its approaches)" after "and its approaches".

SEC. 3. Section 4 of such Act of March 18, 1938, is amended to read as follows:

Rates of toll.

"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 (including the reasonable cost of reconstructing, enlarging, and extending such 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 reasonable interest and financing cost, as soon as possible, under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed thirty years from the completion of the reconstruction, enlargement, and extension of