

BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIO GRANDE

JUNE 4, 1924.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. RAYBURN, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 9361]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9361) granting the consent of Congress to the construction of a bridge across the Rio Grande, having considered the same, report thereon with amendment and as so amended recommend that it pass.

The bill as amended has the approval of the State, War, and Agricultural Departments, as will appear by the letters attached and which are made a part of this report.

Amend the bill as follows:

Page 1, line 5, strike out the words "steel vehicular and foot."

WAR DEPARTMENT, *May 27, 1924.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill, H. R. 9361, Sixty-eighth Congress, first session, granting the consent of Congress to the construction of a bridge across the Rio Grande, if amended as indicated in red thereon.

On account of the international character of the Rio Grande at the site of the proposed bridge, being the boundary between the United States and Mexico, the consent of Congress is necessary for the construction of a bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, June 4, 1924.

HON. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,
*Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. WINSLOW: This department received yesterday, through the office of Representative Hudspeth, a copy of your letter of May 22, with which

you referred the bill, H. R. 9361, for report thereon and for such views with reference thereto as the department might desire to communicate. The original of your letter of May 22 apparently went astray in the mails, as there is no record of its ever having been received in this department.

This bill would grant to C. M. Newman, his successors and assigns, the consent of Congress for constructing, maintaining, and operating a steel vehicular and foot bridge across the Rio Grande River at or near a point known as Alamo Alto, on the American side of the river, 1,750 feet northwest from the El Paso and Hudspeth Counties line. The proposed bridge will be an international bridge, providing a highway connection with Mexico across the Rio Grande River at the point indicated. This department, therefore, is not directly interested. At the same time, there are very few highway bridges connecting Mexico and the United States, and it is believed that the construction of the bridge proposed by the bill should receive the favorable consideration of your committee.

Sincerely,

HENRY C. WALLACE, *Secretary.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, May 26, 1924.

HON. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,

*Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 22, 1924, inclosing a copy of H. R. 9361, authorizing the construction of a steel vehicular and foot bridge over the Rio Grande near the city of El Paso, Tex., and asking for an expression of my views thereon.

In reply I beg to say that, from the standpoint of international relations, no objection is seen to the passage of the bill in question.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

CHARLES E. HUGHES.