

BRIDGE ACROSS THE ST. MARYS RIVER

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MR. HUDDLESTON, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 9434]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9434) granting the consent of Congress to the States of Georgia and Florida, through their respective highway departments, to construct a bridge across the St. Marys River, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it pass.

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

WAR DEPARTMENT, *May 29, 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 by Congress of the accompanying bill, H. R. 9434, Sixty-eighth Congress, first session, granting the consent of Congress to the States of Georgia and Florida, through their respective highway departments, to construct a bridge across the St. Marys River.

As the navigable portions of the St. Marys River do not lie within the limits of a single State, the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, May 31, 1924.

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

DEAR MR. WINSLOW: Careful consideration has been given to the bill, H. R. 9434, transmitted with your letter of May 26, 1924, with request for a report thereon and such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

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This bill would authorize the States of Georgia and Florida, through their respective highway departments, to construct an interstate bridge and approaches across the St. Marys River at or near St. Marys, Ga. The site of the proposed bridge does not constitute a part of the system of Federal aid highways approved for the States of Georgia and Florida. However, it will afford an important interstate crossing if the bridge should be constructed at that point and it would seem to this department desirable for the States to be authorized to construct such a bridge.

Sincerely,

HENRY C. WALLACE, *Secretary.*

