

BRIDGE ACROSS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER

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

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 9457]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9457) to authorize the States of Alabama and Georgia, through their respective highway departments, to construct and maintain a bridge across the Chattahoochee River, at or near Alaga, Ala., connecting Houston County, Ala., and Early County, Ga., having considered the same, report thereon with amendments, and as so amended recommend that it pass.

The bill as amended 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.

Amend the bill as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after the word "That" insert the words "the consent of Congress is hereby granted to."

Page 1, line 4, strike out the words "be and are hereby, au-".

Page 1, line 5, at the beginning of the line strike out "thorized".

Amend the title so as to read:

A bill granting the consent of Congress to the States of Alabama and Georgia through their respective highway departments, to construct and maintain a bridge across the Chattahoochee River, at or near Alaga, Alabama, connecting Houston County, Alabama, and Early County, Georgia.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
May 31, 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. 9457, 68th Cong. 1st sess.) to authorize the States of Alabama and Georgia, through their respective highway departments, to construct and maintain a bridge across the Chattahoochee River at or near Alaga, Ala., connecting Houston County, Ala., and Early County, Ga.

As the navigable portions of the Chattahoochee 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 a 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. 9457, transmitted with your letter of May 27, 1924, with request for a report thereon and such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize the States of Alabama and Georgia, through their respective highway departments, to construct and maintain a bridge and approaches across the Chattahoochee River, at or near Alaga, Houston County, Ala., and the shore opposite in Early County, Ga. The site of the proposed bridge is an interstate connection of the systems of Federal aid highways approved for the States of Georgia and Alabama. This department would recommend the passage of the bill.

Sincerely,

HENRY C. WALLACE, *Secretary.*