

BRIDGE ACROSS THE CANAL NEAR REHOBOTH, DEL.

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

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 9515]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9515) granting the consent of Congress to the Delaware State Highway Department to construct a bridge across the canal near Rehoboth, Del., 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 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 2, line 3, at the end of the line change the "period" to a "colon" and add the following:

Provided, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized, upon the recommendation of the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, to grant permission to the said Delaware State Highway Department, its successors and assigns, under such terms and conditions as the said Secretary may deem equitable and fair to the public, to cross and occupy such public lands pertinent to the United States Canal as may be necessary for the bridge and approaches thereto.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved.

WAR DEPARTMENT, June 3, 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. 9515, Sixty-eighth Congress, first session, granting the consent of Congress to the Delaware State Highway Department to construct a bridge across the canal near Rehoboth, Del., if amended as indicated in red thereon.

The canal between Rehoboth Bay and Delaware Bay lies wholly within the limits of the State of Delaware, but the consent of Congress is necessary to authorize the bridge because it will occupy in part the bed and banks of the

canal, which are owned by the United States. The amendments suggested include an authorization for the Secretary of War to grant permission for the occupation of United States lands.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, June 2, 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. 9515, transmitted with your letter of May 29, 1924, with request for a report thereon and such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize the State Highway Department of Delaware to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the canal between Rehoboth Bay and the Delaware Bay, from Chincoteague Bay to Delaware Bay. We are unable to locate the exact site of the proposed bridge from the description given on any map available in this department, but have been informed that it is on the State highway from Lewes to Rehoboth, which is not on the system of Federal aid highways approved for Delaware. While, therefore, this department is not directly interested, it would recommend favorable action on the bill as it would grant authority to construct the bridge to the State highway department.

Sincerely,

HENRY C. WALLACE, *Secretary.*

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