

BRIDGE ACROSS THE COOSA RIVER, ALA.

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. 9518]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9518) to authorize the State of Alabama, through its highway department, to construct and maintain a bridge across the Coosa River, at or near Leesburg, Ala., connecting Leesburg, Ala., and Center, Ala., on the primary road system of the State, 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 consent of Congress is hereby granted to."

Page 1, line 4, strike out "is hereby authorized."

Page 1, line 7, after the word, "Alabama," strike out the balance of the line.

Page 1, line 8, strike out "bama, on the primary road system of the State."

Amend the title so as to read:

A bill granting the consent of Congress to the State of Alabama, through its highway department, to construct and maintain a bridge across the Coosa River, at or near Leesburg, Alabama.

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. 9518, 68th Cong. 1st sess.) "to authorize the State of Alabama through its highway

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department, to construct and maintain a bridge across the Coosa River at or near Leesburg, Ala., connecting Leesburg, Ala., and Center, Ala., on the primary road system of the State," if amended as indicated in red thereon.

As the navigable portions of the Coosa 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, 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. 9518, 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 of Alabama, through its highway department, to construct and maintain a bridge and approaches across the Coosa River at a point connecting Leesburg and Center, Ala., on the primary road system of the State. The site of the proposed bridge is on the system of Federal aid highways approved for Alabama. The bill would grant authority to construct the bridge in question to the State highway department, and this department would recommend favorable action thereon.

Sincerely,

HENRY C. WALLACE, *Secretary.*

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