

BRIDGE ACROSS THE ARKANSAS RIVER AT DARDANELLE, ARK.

MARCH 10, 1926.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 9634]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9634) granting the consent of Congress to the Yell and Pope County bridge district, Dardanelle and Russellville, Ark., to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Arkansas River at or near the city of Dardanelle, Yell County, Ark., having considered the same, report thereon with amendments and as amended recommended that it pass.

Amend the bill as follows:

Line 3, page 1, after "That the," strike out the rest of the line and insert in lieu thereof the following: "times for commencing and completing the construction of a bridge authorized by Congress approved March 3, 1925, to be built by the Yell."

Line 5, page 1, after the word "Arkansas," strike out the rest of the line.

Line 6, page 1, strike out "and approaches thereto" and after the word "river" strike out "at a point."

Line 7, page 1, strike out "suitable to the interests of navigation."

Line 8, page 1, after the word "Arkansas," change the "period" to a "comma" and add the following: "are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from the date of approval hereof."

Amend the title so as to read:

To extend the time for the construction of a bridge across the Arkansas River at or near the city of Dardanelle, Yell County, Arkansas.

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.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

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

The accompanying bill, H. R. 9634, Sixty-ninth Congress, first session, proposes to grant the consent of Congress to the Yell and Pope County bridge district, Dardanelle and Russellville, Ark., to construct a bridge across the Arkansas River at or near the city of Dardanelle, Yell County, Ark.

It is understood that the bridge referred to in this bill is the same as that authorized by the act of Congress approved March 3, 1925 (Public, No. 569, 68th Cong.). The time for commencing the construction of the bridge, as implied by section 6 of the general bridge act of March 23, 1906, expires March 3, 1926. For the purposes of identification of authorities and simplification of record, it is preferable to extend the time limits of the existing act rather than to enact another bill authorizing the same bridge.

The bill herewith has been amended accordingly and as thus amended I know of no objection to its favorable consideration.

DWIGHT F. DAVIS,
Secretary of War.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, March 3, 1926.

HON. JAMES S. PARKER,
*Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. PARKER: Careful consideration has been given to the bill H. R. 9634, transmitted with your letter of February 23, with request for a report thereon and such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize the Yell and Pope County bridge district, Ark., to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Arkansas River at or near the city of Dardanelle, county of Yell, said State. The location indicated for the proposed bridge is on the Federal-aid system approved for the State of Arkansas. The department is advised that the State contemplates asking Federal aid in the construction of this bridge and that it is to be a free bridge. Favorable action on the bill, therefore, is recommended.

Sincerely,

R. W. DUNLAP, *Acting Secretary.*

