

## BRIDGE ACROSS THE SAVANNAH RIVER

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JANUARY 8, 1926.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

### REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 3755]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3755), granting the consent of Congress to the counties of Anderson, S. C., and Elbert, Ga., to construct a bridge across the Savannah River, 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:

Add another section at the end of the bill reading as follows:

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved.

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WAR DEPARTMENT, *December 21, 1925.*

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. 3755, 69th Cong., 1st sess.) granting the consent of Congress to the counties of Anderson, S. C., and Elbert, Ga., to construct a bridge across the Savannah River, if amended as indicated in red thereon.

As the navigable portions of the Savannah 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.

HANFORD MACNIDER,  
*Acting Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
Washington, December 29, 1925.

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

DEAR MR. PARKER: Careful consideration has been given to the bill (H. R. 3755) transmitted with your letter of December 12 with request for a report thereon and such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize the county of Anderson, S. C., and the county of Elbert, Ga., to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Savannah River at a point near Sanders Ferry or Crafts Ferry, between Iva, S. C., and Elberton, Ga. The location for the proposed bridge is not on a road embraced in the Federal-aid highway systems approved for the States of Georgia and South Carolina, and the department has been unable to obtain information as to whether or not the bridge will be a free bridge after it is completed. It is suggested, therefore, that the bill be amended by incorporating therein such provision as will safeguard the interests of traffic, in case tolls should be charged for the use of the bridge, by providing for prescribing the conditions which shall govern the financing, erection, and operation of any such structure and providing for proper supervision over the tolls collected and the application of the proceeds thereof in such manner that the cost of the structure may be met and the bridge made free within a definite period.

Sincerely,

R. W. DUNLAP, *Acting Secretary.*

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