

BRIDGE ACROSS LAKE WASHINGTON, SEATTLE, WASH.

DECEMBER 22, 1926.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. LEA of California, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 13070]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 13070), granting the consent of Congress to Henry L. Gray and Elbert M. Chandler, their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across Lake Washington, having considered the same, report thereon with amendments and as so amended recommend that it pass.

Amend the bill as follows:

Page 2, line 2, after the figures "1906," insert the word "and."

Page 2, line 10, strike out the word "interest" and insert the word "interests" in lieu thereof.

Page 2, line 17, strike out the word "values" and insert the word "value" in lieu thereof.

Page 3, line 4, strike out the words "section 3" and insert the words "section 2" in lieu thereof.

Page 4, line 15, after the word "all" strike out the word "of."

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.

[Second indorsement]

WAR DEPARTMENT, July 6, 1926.

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. 13070, 69th Cong., 1st sess.), "Granting the consent of Congress to Henry L. Gray and Elbert M. Chandler, their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across Lake Washington," if amended as indicated in red thereon.

Lake Washington is, however, wholly within the limits of the State of Washington, and the proposed bridge can consequently be authorized by State law and duly constructed, provided the plans are submitted to and approved by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War before construction is commenced, in conformity with the Federal law contained in section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899. The enactment of this measure therefore appears to be unnecessary.

DWIGHT F. DAVIS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, D. C., July 7, 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. 13070, transmitted with your letter of June 28 with request for a report thereon and such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize Henry L. Gray and Elbert M. Chandler, their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across Lake Washington, from the west shore of said lake within the city of Seattle to the east shore thereof. The location indicated for the proposed bridge is not on the system of Federal-aid highways nor is it on the system of State highways. It would appear to be largely an improvement within, or partly within, the city of Seattle. It, therefore, is not a matter in which this department has any direct concern.

Sincerely,

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary.*