

of the banks of the river, the shore-lines at high and low water, the direction and strength of the currents, and the soundings, accurately showing the bed of the stream, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War no work upon the bridge shall be commenced; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Change of plan while building.

SEC. 3. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act at any time; and that if at any time navigation of the said river shall in any manner be obstructed or impaired by the said bridge, the Secretary of War shall have authority, and it shall be his duty, to require the said bridge company to alter and change the said bridge at its own expense, in such manner as may be proper to secure free and complete navigation without impediment; and if upon reasonable notice to said bridge company to make such change or improvements the said company fails to do so, the Secretary of War shall have authority to make the same at the expense of said company, and all the rights conferred by this act shall be forfeited; and Congress shall have power to do any and all things necessary to secure the free navigation of the river.

Amendment. Obstructed navigation.

Subsequent changes, etc.

Forfeiture of rights.

Free navigation.

SEC. 4. That said company shall be permitted to charge and take such rates of toll for crossing said bridge as may be reasonable, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Tolls.

SEC. 5. That the draw provided for the bridge herein authorized to be constructed shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passing of boats; and said company or corporation shall maintain, at its own expense, from sunset till sunrise, such lights or other signals on said bridge as the Light-House Board shall prescribe.

Opening of draw.

Lights, etc.

SEC. 6. That all telephone and telegraph companies shall be granted equal rights and privileges in the construction and operation of their lines across said bridge; and if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized shall not be commenced within one year from the passage of this act, and be completed within three years from the same date, the rights and privileges hereby granted shall cease and be determined.

Use by telephone and telegraph companies.

Commencement and completion.

Approved, April 22, 1890.

CHAP. 149.—An act to amend an act to authorize the construction of a bridge across Trail Creek, in the city of Michigan City, Indiana.

April 22, 1890.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an act to authorize the construction of a bridge across Trail Creek, in the city of Michigan City, Indiana, approved June twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, be hereby amended by substituting for section two of the aforesaid act the following:

Bridge across Trail Creek, at Michigan City, Ind. Vol. 25, p. 212, amended.

“SEC. 2. That if the construction of the bridge hereby authorized shall not be commenced within two years from the time this act takes effect and be completed within four years after its commencement, then this act shall be void, and all rights hereby conferred shall cease and determine.”

Commencement and completion extended.

SEC. 2. That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repealing clause.

Approved, April 22, 1890.