

SEC. 2. That section four hundred and seventy-seven of the Revised Statutes be amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 477. The salaries of the officers mentioned in the preceding section shall be as follows:

"The Commissioner of Patents, \$5,000 a year.

"The First Assistant Commissioner of Patents, \$4,500 a year.

"The Assistant Commissioner of Patents, \$3,500 a year.

"Five examiners in chief, \$3,500 a year each."

SEC. 3. That so much of section four hundred and forty of the Revised Statutes as follows the words "In the Patent Office," and refers to said office only, be amended to read as follows:

"One chief clerk, who shall be qualified to act as a principal examiner.

"One librarian, who shall be qualified to act as an assistant examiner.

"Five law examiners.

"One examiner of classification.

"One examiner of interferences.

"One examiner of trade-marks and designs.

"One first assistant examiner of trade-marks and designs.

"Six assistant examiners of trade-marks and designs.

"Forty-three principal examiners.

"Eighty-six first assistant examiners.

"Eighty-six second assistant examiners.

"Eighty-six third assistant examiners.

"Eighty-six fourth assistant examiners; and such other examiners and assistant examiners in the various grades as the Congress shall from time to time provide for."

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Salaries of officers increased.  
R. S., sec. 477, p. 80, amended.

Chief clerk and examiners.  
R. S., sec. 440, p. 75, amended.  
Post, p. 101.

CHAP. 23.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the Republic Iron and Steel Company to construct a bridge across the Mahoning River, in the State of Ohio.

February 15, 1916.  
[H. R. 8233.]

[Public, No. 17.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Republic Iron and Steel Company, and its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mahoning River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near the city of Youngstown, in the county of Mahoning, in the State of Ohio, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Mahoning River. Republic Iron and Steel Company may bridge, at Youngstown, Ohio.

Construction.  
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 15, 1916.

CHAP. 24.—An Act Providing for an increase in number of midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy.

February 15, 1916.  
[H. R. 9224.]

[Public, No. 18.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter there shall be allowed at the United States Naval Academy three midshipmen for each Senator, Representative, and Delegate in Congress, one for Porto Rico, two for the District of Columbia, ten appointed each year at large, and fifteen appointed annually from enlisted men of the Navy as now authorized by law.

Naval Academy. Allowance of midshipmen increased.  
R. S., sec. 1513, p. 260, amended.  
Vol. 33, pp. 103, 410.  
Post, pp. 576, 1182.

SEC. 2. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent laws repealed.

Approved, February 15, 1916.