WOULD JOIN BRIDGE
FINANCE PROJECTS

Action by Next Legislature
Proposed by Hallanan
in Statement

An amendment should be made to
the bridge commission act to join
up in different counties bridge pro-
jects in one financing plan. W. S.
Hallanan, state senator from the
Eighth district, said Monday in a
prepared statement.

Mr. Hallanan pointed out that the
legislative act of 1929 creating the
state bridge commission with
authority to take over toll bridges
does not permit the financing of
bridges in separate counties to be
joined. The bridges are financed from
tolls collected from them. In Kanawha
county, Mr. Hallanan states, bridges
at Chelyan and St. Albans were
planned.

He adds:

The state bridge commission
finds, after a thorough traffic sur-
vey, that the proposed bridge at St.
Albans does not reflect sufficient
bridge traffic to justify the financ-
ing of that bridge by the sale of the
bridge commission bonds. Traffic
at the Chelyan bridge is practically
sufficient to do so, but it will not
carry the additional requirements
which the experts figure to be
necessary for the St. Albans pro-
ject.

“This matter is of vital interest to
the Kanawha valley. It is highly
important that in the early days of
the next legislative session such
amendment be made to the bridge
commission act as to permit the
bridge commission to join up pro-
jects in different counties in one
financing plan. If this authority were
invested in the bridge commission
at this time, the financing could be
done satisfactorily. With this
amendment provided by the next
legislature, I am certain that the
bridge commission would take
immediate steps for the construction of
the St. Albans bridge and for the
taking over of the Cabin Creek
district bridge at Chelyan. The mem-
bers of the bridge commission feel
that with this amendment to the act
immediate steps can be taken in the
carrying out of plans for the financ-
ing of bridges in various sections of
the state.”