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fire-fighting purposes having been appropriated and being used by the War Department in connection with the training of soldiers at Fort Sill and Camp Doniphan: *Provided*, That before said claim is allowed and paid the Comptroller General of the United States shall make an investigation of said claim to determine the extent and amount of said loss and damage, and said claim shall be adjusted in amount not in excess of the amount set out herein and upon certificate issued to said claimant by the said Comptroller General of the United States: *Provided further*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, on account of services rendered in connection with said claim. It shall be unlawful for any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, to exact, collect, withhold, or receive any sum of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof on account of services rendered in connection with said claim, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1,000.

Provisos.
Investigation, etc., of claim.

Limitation on attorney's, etc., fees.

Penalty for violation.

Approved, March 4, 1933.

[CHAPTER 302.]

AN ACT

For the relief of Escha Whittington Casey.

March 4, 1933.
[H. R. 6381.]
[Private, No. 311.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States Employees' Compensation Commission is hereby authorized to consider and determine the claim of Escha Whittington Casey, formerly a civilian employee of The Adjutant General's Office, War Department, for alleged disabilities incurred while engaged in pursuit of official duties, in the same manner and to the same extent as if said Escha Whittington Casey had made application for the benefits of the Employees' Compensation Act within the one-year period required by sections 17 and 20 thereof: *Provided*, That no benefits shall accrue prior to the approval of this Act: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, on account of services rendered in connection with said claim. It shall be unlawful for any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, to exact, collect, withhold, or receive any sum of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof on account of services rendered in connection with said claim, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1,000.

Escha Whittington Casey.
Disability claim of, to be examined.

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Provisos.
No prior benefits.
Limitation on attorney's, etc., fees.

Penalty for violation.

Approved, March 4, 1933.

[CHAPTER 303.]

AN ACT

To authorize amendment of the Act of February 25, 1927, for the payment of damages caused by reason of the overflow of the Rio Grande on August 17, 1921.

March 4, 1933.
[H. R. 6774.]
[Private, No. 312.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to investigate, ascertain the amount of, and to pay damages sustained by Ydelfonso Rod-

Ydelfonso Rodriguez, Andres Bustamante.
Payment to, for property damages.