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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.

Penalty for violation.

Approved, May 9, 1934.

[CHAPTER 271.]

AN ACT

May 9, 1934.
[H.R. 2340.]
[Private, No. 137.]

For the relief of Russell and Tucker and certain other citizens of the States of Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Russell and Tucker, a copartnership composed of Lee L. Russell and S. C. Tucker; Floyd and Company, a copartnership composed of C. W. Floyd and S. C. Tucker; Borroum, Tucker, and O'Connor, a copartnership composed of J. L. Borroum, S. C. Tucker, and Martin O'Connor; Rutledge, Browne, and Nichols, a copartnership composed of W. J. Rutledge, N. H. Browne, and J. W. Nichols; Russell and Wilson, a copartnership composed of R. R. Russell and W. E. Wilson; Rocky Reagan, Alfred A. Drummond, J. M. Dobie, and Dick Colson, their heirs, legal representatives, executors, administrators, and assigns, any statutes of limitations being waived, are hereby authorized to enter suit in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas for the amount alleged to be due to said claimants from the United States by reason of the alleged neglect and alleged wrongdoing of the officials and inspectors of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry in the dipping of tick-infested cattle in Texas and Oklahoma, which said cattle were shipped from Texas to Osage County, Oklahoma, in the years 1918 and 1922.

Russell and Tucker. May bring suit in district court for loss of certain cattle.

Statutes of limitations waived.

SEC. 2. Jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon said United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas to hear and determine all such claims without intervention of a jury. The action in said court may be presented by a single petition making the United States party defendant, and shall set forth all the facts on which the claimants base their claims, and the petition may be verified by the agent or attorney of said claimants, official letters, reports, and public records, or certified copies thereof may be used as evidence, and said court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine said suit and to enter a judgment or decree for the amount of such damages and costs, if any, as shall be found due from the United States to the said claimants by reason of the alleged negligence and erroneous certification, upon the same principles and under the same measure of liability as in like cases between private parties, and the Government hereby waives its immunity from suit. And said claimants and the United States of America shall have all rights of appeal or writ of error or other remedy as in similar cases between private persons or corporations: *Provided*, That such notice of the suit shall be given to the Attorney General of the United States as may be provided by order of said court, and upon such notice it shall be the duty of the Attorney General to cause the United States Attorney in such district to appear and defend for the United States: *And provided further*, That such suit shall be begun within six months of the date of the approval of this Act.

Jurisdiction of court.

Provisos.
Notice, etc., to Attorney General.

Commencement of suit.

Approved, May 9, 1934.