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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 measures 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: *Provided further*, That such suit shall be begun within six months of the date of the approval of this Act.

Provisos.
Notice, etc., to Attorney General.

Commencement of suit.

Approved, May 9, 1934.

[CHAPTER 287.]

AN ACT

Authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay subcontractors for material and labor furnished in the construction of the post office at Las Vegas, Nevada.

May 14, 1934.
[H.R. 3900.]
[Private, No. 143.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to subcontractors, labor, and material men who furnish labor and material to the Plains Construction Company, defaulted general contractor for the construction of the post office at Las Vegas, Nevada, such sums as he may consider equitable and just to reimburse said subcontractors, labor, and material men for unpaid accounts left by said Plains Construction Company at the time of its default, said sums to be paid only upon proper proof of actual losses sustained exclusive of profit; and there is hereby made available for this purpose not to exceed $20,000 from any sum which may remain from the lump-sum appropriations made for building-construction purposes, notwithstanding the amount of the claims of said subcontractors in addition to the cost of completing the building exceed the limit of the cost for the construction of the Las Vegas Post Office.

Las Vegas, Nev., post office.
Payment of certain claims for material and labor, in construction of.

Fund available.

That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the Goldsmith Metal Lath Company the sum of $892.73, to Price-Evans Foundry Corporation the sum of $1,790.10, and to R. W. Felix the sum of $27.81, in full settlement of all claims against the Government of the United States for losses suffered by the said companies by reason of the default of the Plains Construction Company, general contractors for the construction of the post office at Las Vegas, Nevada, and the contractor's failure to furnish the valid bond as required by law for the protection of labor and material men furnishing labor and material on public works: *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

Goldsmith Metal Lath Company.

Price-Evans Foundry Corporation.
R. W. Felix.

Proviso.
Limitation on attorney's, etc., fees.

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 14, 1934.

[CHAPTER 288.]

AN ACT

For the relief of Orville A. Murphy.

May 14, 1934.
[H.R. 5299.]
[Private, No. 144.]

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, in the same manner and to the same extent as if application for the benefits of the Employees' Compensation Act had been made within the one-year period required by sections 17 and 20 thereof, the claim of Orville A. Murphy, on account of disability due to tuberculosis alleged to have been proximately caused by his employment in the service of the United States between April 6, 1920, and December 1, 1932: *Provided*, That no benefits shall accrue prior to the enactment of this Act.

Orville A. Murphy. Claim of.

Vol. 39, p. 746.

Proviso. No prior benefits.

Approved, May 14, 1934.

[CHAPTER 291.]

AN ACT

For the relief of Ellen Grant.

May 16, 1934.
[H.R. 4060.]
[Private, No. 145.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Ellen Grant, mother of Albert F. Grant, late boatswain's mate, second class, United States Navy, who died June 8, 1931, while a member of that organization, the sum of $200, in full settlement of all claims against the Government of the United States, being the actual expenses incurred in the burial of said Albert F. Grant: *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.

Ellen Grant. Payment to, for burial expenses of son.

Proviso. Limitation on attorney's, etc., fees.

Penalty for violation.

Approved, May 16, 1934.

[CHAPTER 294.]

AN ACT

For the relief of Elizabeth T. Cloud.

May 17, 1934.
[H.R. 190.]
[Private, No. 146.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Elizabeth T. Cloud, of Atlantic City, New Jersey, the sum

Elizabeth T. Cloud. Payment to, for personal injury.