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SEC. 55. If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of the Act, and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby. Separability.

Approved, July 22, 1937.

[CHAPTER 520]

AN ACT

July 23, 1937
[H. R. 2565]
[Public, No. 211]

To confer jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to hear, determine, and enter judgment upon the claims of contractors for excess costs incurred while constructing navigation dams and locks on the Mississippi River and its tributaries.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the Court of Claims to hear, determine, and enter judgments against the United States upon the claims of the several contractors for alleged excess costs incurred in the execution of their respective contracts, entered into since June 16, 1933, for the construction of locks and dams for the improvement of navigation on the Mississippi River and its tributaries, by reason of the Government having promulgated and enforced, as alleged, due, as alleged, to the national emergency and subsequent to the dates of the several contracts, rules and regulations referred to in the several contracts and misinterpreted and wrongfully enforced or disregarded, as alleged, and rules and regulations not referred to in and inconsistent with the respective contracts, as alleged, which rules and regulations, the enforcement or disregard thereof, deprived the contractors of normal control of their personnel, as alleged, and further by reason of the Government having failed, as alleged, to supply qualified labor under the labor clauses of the respective contracts, resulting in excess costs, including general overhead and depreciation, to the said several contractors on their respective contracts, as alleged; the said judgment or decrees, if any, to be allowed notwithstanding the bars or defenses of any alleged settlement or adjustment heretofore made, res judicata, laches, or any provision of law to the contrary.

Mississippi River, locks and dams; construction, etc.
Claims of contractors for excess costs submitted to Court of Claims.

Judgment.

This Act shall not be interpreted as raising any presumption or conclusion of fact or law but shall be held solely to provide for trial upon facts as may be alleged.

Presumption, etc., of fact or law not raised.

Review of such judgment may be had by either party in the same manner as is provided by law in other cases in such court.

Review of judgment.

Approved, July 23, 1937.

[CHAPTER 522]

AN ACT

July 26, 1937
[H. R. 3408]
[Public, No. 212]

To amend the Civil Service Act approved January 16, 1883 (22 Stat. 403), and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an Act entitled "An Act to regulate and improve the civil service of the United States" (Act of January 16, 1883, 22 Stat. 403), is hereby amended by adding at the end of the sixth paragraph of section 2 of the Act a new paragraph, as follows:

Civil Service Act, amendment.

22 Stat. 403.
5 U. S. C. § 633.