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essary to adjust an overdraft resulting from an overpayment by check numbered 6,432,824, dated August 23, 1938; (b) not to exceed the sum of $1,728.46 shall be credited to the Treasurer's account to the extent necessary to adjust unavailable items resulting from certain shortages, the amount of a check paid on a forged endorsement, the difference between the value of a stolen package of currency and the amount recovered, and the value of three checks which were lost in the Office of the Treasurer of the United States after payment; and (c) not to exceed the sum of $8,465.62 shall be credited to the account of Edwin H. Dressel, superintendent, United States mint, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to the extent necessary to adjust an unavailable item representing the contents of a bag containing gold coins the absence of which from a vault in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mint, was discovered during February 1937, such coins having a face value of $5,000, and increment of $3,465.62 resulting from the reduction in the weight of the gold dollar.

Adjustment of certain items.

Edwin H. Dressel.

Approved February 28, 1945.

[CHAPTER 14]

AN ACT

For the relief of G. F. Allen, chief disbursing officer for the Treasury Department, and for other purposes.

February 28, 1945
[S. 317]
[Private Law 3]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of February 28, 1929 (45 Stat. 1406), as amended by the Act of April 22, 1940 (54 Stat. 148), authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to employ engineers and economists for consultation purposes on important reclamation work, the Comptroller General of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to allow credit in the account of G. F. Allen, chief disbursing officer of the Treasury Department, for the sum of $1,000, base pay, and $48.30, overtime, a total of $1,048.30, paid by him to Doctor Paul S. Taylor, of Berkeley, California, as compensation in excess of $5,000, plus overtime, for personal services rendered during the period from July 1, 1943, to June 13, 1944, and to cancel any claims against the said Doctor Paul S. Taylor and the pay roll certifying officers of the Department of the Interior for the excess compensation so paid.

G. F. Allen.
Credit in accounts.
43 U. S. C. § 411b; Supp. IV, § 411b.

SEC. 2. The Comptroller General of the United States is further authorized and directed to allow, out of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for salaries in the Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, the claim of the said Doctor Paul S. Taylor for the sum of $375, base pay, and $18.11, overtime, a total of $393.11, representing the balance due him for compensation for personal services which he rendered during the period from June 14, 1944, to June 30, 1944, as a consulting economist of the Department of the Interior.

Dr. Paul S. Taylor.
Claim.

57 Stat. 451.

Approved February 28, 1945.

[CHAPTER 17]

AN ACT

For the relief of John T. Cooper.

March 1, 1945
[S. 76]
[Private Law 4]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Comptroller General is authorized and directed to credit the account of John T. Cooper, postmaster at Hartselle, Alabama, in the sum of $179. Such sum represents a shortage in such account caused by the loss of such

John T. Cooper.