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[CHAPTER 84]

April 20, 1949
[H. R. 745]
[Private Law 34]

AN ACT

For the relief of B. John Hanson.

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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 is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to B. John Hanson, Jamestown, New York, the sum of $500. The payment of such sum shall be in full settlement of all claims of the said B. John Hanson against the United States on account of personal injuries received by him on April 19, 1941, when the automobile in which he was riding was in collision with a Civilian Conservation Corps truck on Highway Route Numbered 18, two miles south of Cattaraugus, New York: *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 attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, 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.

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[CHAPTER 86]

April 21, 1949
[H. R. 555]
[Private Law 35]

AN ACT

Conferring jurisdiction upon the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of California, Northern Division, to hear, determine, and render judgment upon the claims of all persons for reimbursement for damages and losses sustained as a result of a flood which occurred in December 1937 in levee district numbered 10, Yuba County, California.

U. S. District Court for Northern District of Calif.
Jurisdiction to hear, etc., certain claims.

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 District Court of the United States for the Northern District of California, Northern Division, to hear, determine, and render judgment, respectively, upon the claims of all persons against the United States for damages alleged to have been sustained as a result of a flood which occurred in December 1937 in levee district numbered 10, in Yuba County, California, on the easterly side of the Feather River, when the said Feather River breached the district's river levee at a point about three miles from the south end of the district on December 11, 1937, which damage, if any, it is alleged could have been prevented by the exercise of reasonable care and diligence on the part of the Engineer Department of the War Department. In the determination of such claims the United States shall be held liable only to the extent to which a private person would be liable under like circumstances.

Time limitation.

SEC. 2. Suits upon which such claims, respectively, may be instituted at any time within one year after the enactment of this Act, notwithstanding the lapse of time or any statutes of limitations, and proceedings for the determination of such claims, appeals therefrom, and payment of any judgment, shall be in the same manner as in cases over which such court has jurisdiction under the provisions of paragraph twentieth of Section 24 of the Judicial Code, as amended (U. S. C., title 28, sec. 41 (20)).

36 Stat. 1093; 62 Stat. 933.
28 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 1346.
Ante, pp. 62, 101.
"Persons."

SEC. 3. For the purposes of this Act, the word "persons" shall be interpreted to mean any person or persons, individual or individuals, copartnership, firm, or corporation.

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