

[CHAPTER 170]

AN ACT

To confer jurisdiction upon the Court of Claims to hear, determine, and render judgment upon a certain claim of J. T. Melson against the United States.

May 6, 1950
[H. R. 597]
[Private Law 457]

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 render judgment upon the claim of J. T. Melson, Craddockville, Virginia, against the United States (1) on the question of liability, if any, and (2) on the question of the amount of recovery, if any, for losses sustained as a result of the burning of timber and damage to marshland allegedly caused by fire started by a flare used in maneuvers by the United States naval forces August 6, 1943.

J. T. Melson.

SEC. 2. Proceedings for the determination of said claim shall be had in the same manner as in cases of which said court has jurisdiction under the provision of section 1346 of title 28, United States Code: *Provided*, That suit hereunder shall be instituted within four months after the enactment of this Act: *And provided further*, That this Act shall be construed only to waive the immunity from suit of the Government of the United States with respect to the claim of said J. T. Melson, his heirs, administrators, or assigns, and not otherwise to affect any substantive rights of the parties.

62 Stat. 933.
28 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§ 1346.

Approved May 6, 1950.

[CHAPTER 176]

AN ACT

For the relief of Horace J. Fenton.

May 10, 1950
[S. 621]
[Private Law 458]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Horace J. Fenton, formerly an associate professor at the United States Naval Academy, the sum of \$100 per month for the remainder of his life, beginning with the month in which this Act is approved, chargeable to such appropriations as may be made for the payment of retirement annuities to civilian members of the teaching staff of the United States Naval Academy and post graduate schools.

Horace J. Fenton.

Approved May 10, 1950.

[CHAPTER 177]

AN ACT

For the relief of Jacob Brown.

May 10, 1950
[H. R. 1024]
[Private Law 459]

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 Jacob Brown, Wilmington, Delaware, the sum of \$3,184. The payment of such sum shall be in full settlement of all claims of the said Jacob Brown against the United States for restitution of such sum which is the amount he paid on July 1, 1944, for plumbing supplies offered for sale by the United States at a public auction held by the collector of internal revenue at Wilmington, Delaware. It has been judicially determined subsequent to July 1, 1944, that the United States had no title or interest in said plumbing supplies and that the said Jacob Brown received no title thereto: *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

Jacob Brown.