out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Thomas F. Harney, Junior, doing business as the Harney Engineering Company, the sum of $13,439.84. The payment of such sum shall be in full settlement of all claims of said Thomas F. Harney, Junior, for alleged losses suffered by him as the plumbing and heating subcontractor under two lump-sum contracts between the United States, acting through the Army Quartermaster Corps, and D. A. Sullivan and Sons, Incorporated, which provided for the construction of building installations including thirty barracks at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, during the fall and winter of 1940–1941, the United States Court of Claims (congressional numbers 17860 and 17861, decided July 13, 1954, pursuant to S. Res. 152 and 165, Eighty-first Congress, first session) having found that the United States received substantial benefits from the work and efforts of claimant: *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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AN ACT

To confer jurisdiction upon the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, to hear, determine, and render judgment upon the claims of the Bartlett Springs Company and certain others.

Bartlett Springs Co. and others.

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 United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Northern Division, to hear, determine, and render judgment upon the claims of the Bartlett Springs Company, a corporation, C. A. Kuenzell, G. Elizabeth Kuenzell, and H. C. Nead, individually or doing business under the firm name and style of Nead Lumber Company against the United States, arising out of the controversy concerning certain lands in sections 32 and 33, township 16 north, range 8 west, Mount Diablo meridian, in Lake County, California.

SEC. 2. Suit upon such claims may be instituted at any time within one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, notwithstanding the lapse of time or any statute of limitations. Proceedings for the determination of such claims, appeals therefrom, and payment of any judgment thereon shall be in the same manner as in the case of claims over which such court has jurisdiction under the provisions of section 1346 of title 28 of the United States Code. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as an implication of liability on the part of the United States.

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