sents reimbursement to said John C. Houghton, Junior, for paying out of his own funds a judgment against him in the courts of Illinois arising out of an accident occurring on April 8, 1957, when the said John C. Houghton, Junior, was operating a Government vehicle in the course of his duties as an employee of the Post Office Department: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act 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.

Approved August 14, 1958.

Private Law 85-582

AN ACT

August 14, 1958
[H. R. 9756]

For the relief of Gerald K. Edwards, Lawrence R. Hitchcock, Thomas J. Davey, and Gerald H. Donnelly.

Gerald K. Edwards and others.

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 hereby authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the persons enumerated below the sums specified, in full settlement of all claims against the Government of the United States as reimbursement for personal effects destroyed as a result of the fire which occurred on July 13, 1956, at Girdwood, Alaska, when the claimants were employed on a survey crew with The Alaska Railroad: Gerald K. Edwards, $415; Lawrence R. Hitchcock, $443; Thomas J. Davey, $797; and Gerald H. Donnelly, $298.

SEC. 2. No part of the amounts appropriated in this Act shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with these claims, 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.

Approved August 14, 1958.

Private Law 85-583

AN ACT

August 14, 1958
[H. R. 9792]

To validate the conveyance of certain land in the State of California by the Southern Pacific Company to James Giono.

James Giono. Validation of conveyance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, subject to section 3 of this Act, the conveyance executed by the Southern Pacific Company, and described in section 2 of this Act, involving certain land in the county of Los Angeles, State of California, forming a part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to the Southern Pacific Railroad Company by section 23 of the Act of March 3, 1871 (16 Stat. 573), said Southern Pacific Company being the successor, by mesne consolidations and merger, to said Southern Pacific Railroad Company, is hereby legalized, validated, and confirmed, as far as the interest of the United States is concerned, with the same force and

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