"(d) If the Secretary of the military department concerned considers that a claim in excess of $5,000 is meritorious and would otherwise be covered by this section, he may pay the claimant $5,000 and report the excess to Congress for its consideration.

"(e) Except as provided in subsection (d), no claim may be paid under this section unless the amount tendered is accepted by the claimant in full satisfaction.

"(f) In any case where the amount to be paid is not more than $1,000, the authority contained in subsection (a) may be delegated to any officer of the Army or the Air Force, as the case may be, who has been delegated authority under section 2733(g) of title 10 to settle similar claims. 72 Stat. 813.

"(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the settlement of a claim under this section is final and conclusive.

"(h) In this section, 'settle' means consider, ascertain, adjust, determine, and dispose of a claim, whether by full or partial allowance or disallowance."; and

(2) by adding the following new item at the end of the analysis:

"715. Property loss; personal injury or death: activities under certain sections of this title."

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AN ACT

September 13, 1960
[S. 3681]

Authorizing the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority to combine for financing purposes the bridge across the West Passage of Narragansett Bay with the Newport Bridge and any other project acquired or constructed by said authority.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the State of Rhode Island, acting by and through the Jamestown Bridge Commission as an agency of the State, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the West Passage of Narragansett Bay between the towns of Jamestown and North Kingston", approved April 4, 1938 (52 Stat. 194), is hereby amended by striking out section 4, and inserting in lieu thereof the following new section:

Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority. Combination of projects.

"SEC. 4. That upon title to the bridge which was constructed under the authority of this Act becoming vested in the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority, created by chapter 3390, Public Laws of Rhode Island, 1954 (chapter 12 of title 24, General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956), said authority shall be authorized to combine said bridge for financing purposes with any other bridge, bridges, or structures financed by said authority under the provisions of said chapter 12, as heretofore amended, and to fix and charge tolls in accordance with State law for the use of said bridge and such other bridges and approaches so combined into one project, and to pledge the use of such tolls in accordance with the provisions of said chapter 12, as amended.

SEC. 2. That the word "bridge" in the first line of section 5 be stricken and the word "bridges" inserted in lieu thereof.

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