

## [CHAPTER 15]

## AN ACT

For the relief of the city and county of San Francisco.

March 10, 1949

[S. 198]

[Public Law 15]

San Francisco, Calif.

*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 the city and county of San Francisco, a municipal corporation, of San Francisco, California, the sum of \$9,728.81, in full settlement of all claims against the United States for reimbursement of expenses incurred in rebuilding and restoring a power-transmission line and loss of power revenue in township 3 south, range 5 east, and township 3 south, range 6 east, San Joaquin County, California, south of Tracy and approximately three miles from the Navy Vernalis Airfield, which transmission line was demolished by the crashing of a United States Navy plane, type SB 2 C-2, bureau number 18772, on August 6, 1944, at 9:21 post meridian, while the said plane was engaged in making a flight over the area indicated, and on August 30, 1944, at 1:14 ante-meridian, by the crashing of a United States Navy plane, type TBM-1, bureau number 24994, while the said plane was likewise making a flight over the area indicated: *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 agents, attorney or attorneys, on account of services rendered in connection with such claim. It shall be unlawful for any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, to exact, collect, withhold, or receive any sum of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof on account of services rendered in connection with such claim, 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 March 10, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 18]

## AN ACT

To amend section 19 of the Act of August 13, 1946 (60 Stat. 1057), so as to remove the upper age limit for appointment to commissioned grade in the Supply Corps of the Navy.

March 12, 1949

[S. 630]

[Public Law 16]

60 Stat. 1061.  
34 U. S. C., Supp II,  
§ 61.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 19 of the Act of August 13, 1946 (60 Stat. 1057), as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 19. No person shall be appointed to a commissioned grade in the Supply Corps of the Navy who will be less than twenty-one years of age on July 1 of the calendar year in which appointed and until his physical, mental, and moral qualifications have been established to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Navy."

Approved March 12, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 19]

## AN ACT

To authorize payment of claims based on loss of or damage to property deposited by alien enemies.

March 15, 1949

[S. 29]

[Public Law 17]

Alien enemy prop-  
erty claims.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Attorney General is hereby authorized to consider, ascertain, adjust, determine,

settle, and pay in an amount not in excess of \$1,000, when accepted by the claimant in full satisfaction and final settlement, any claim against the United States arising on or after December 7, 1941, for damage to, or loss or destruction of, personal property, the use, operation, possession, custody, or control of which was prohibited by proclamation Numbered 2525, dated December 7, 1941, and proclamations Numbered 2526 and Numbered 2527, dated December 8, 1941 (55 Stat. pt. 2, pp. 1700, 1705, and 1707), the possession of which property was not prohibited by law prior to said promulgations and which was deposited by alien enemies or United States citizens of Japanese ancestry in the manner provided in the regulations promulgated by the Attorney General on February 5, 1942, as amended (7 Fed. Reg. 844; 28 C. F. R. 30.1-30.16): *Provided*, That the damage to or loss or destruction of property shall not have been caused in whole or in part by any negligence or wrongful act on the part of the claimant, his agent, or employee, and that the claim is substantiated in such manner as the Attorney General may by regulation prescribe: *Provided further*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize the Attorney General to pay or settle any claims for damage to or loss or destruction of property which had been used for espionage or other illegal purposes on or before December 7, 1941.

SEC. 2. No claim shall be considered unless presented in writing within one year after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 3. Any decision or settlement made by the Attorney General under the authority of this Act and such regulations as he may prescribe shall be final and conclusive, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary.

SEC. 4. The Attorney General may report such claims as exceed \$1,000 to Congress for its consideration.

SEC. 5. Such appropriations as may be required for the settlement of claims under this Act are hereby authorized.

Approved March 15, 1949.

[CHAPTER 20]

AN ACT

For the relief of certain postal employees.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all employees at first- and second-class post offices who were reduced from the position of regular clerk or regular carrier to the position of substitute clerk or substitute carrier prior to July 1, 1945, or who were formerly regular clerk or regular carrier and were reinstated as substitute clerk or substitute carrier prior to July 1, 1945, and whose compensation was converted to \$1.24 per hour effective July 1, 1945, instead of \$1.04 per hour as provided by sections 12 (a) and 24 of the Act entitled "An Act to reclassify the salaries of postmasters, officers, and employees of the Postal Service; to establish uniform procedures for computing compensation; and for other purposes", approved July 6, 1945 (59 Stat. 435, ch. 274), are hereby relieved of all liability to refund to the United States any amounts paid to them as a result of such overpayment of salaries from July 1, 1945, until the date their compensation was adjusted to conform to the provisions of the Act of July 6, 1945 (59 Stat. 435, ch. 274), as amended, and in the audit and settlement of the accounts any postmaster or other designated disbursing officer of the Post Office Department or postal service the amounts paid to such employees from July 1, 1945, as compensation shall be considered to have been authorized. Any amounts heretofore credited to such employees, or refunded to the United States by them

28 CFR, Cum. Supp., p. 8481.

Limitation.

Time limitation.

Finality of decision.

Report to Congress.

Appropriations authorized. Post, p. 458.

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[S. 593]  
[Public Law 18]

Certain postal employees.  
Relief from liability.

59 Stat. 443, 461.  
39 U. S. C. §§ 862 (a), 874.

39 U. S. C. §§ 851-876; Supp. II, § 863 et seq.  
Post, pp. 622, 690, 902, 984.