

been begun in accordance with section 701 (e) of such Act upon a proposal to issue, amend, or repeal any regulation contemplated by section 403 (j), 404 (a), 406 (a) or (b), 501 (b), 502 (d), 502 (h), 504, or 604 of such Act, the provisions of such section 401 or 701 (e), as the case may be, as in force immediately prior to the date of the enactment of this Act, shall be applicable as though this Act had not been enacted.

Approved August 1, 1956.

Public Law 906

CHAPTER 862

August 1, 1956
[H. R. 9265]

AN ACT

To amend the Hawaiian Organic Act, as amended, relating to the audit of government (Territorial and county) accounts.

Hawaii.
Audit of ac-
counts.
31 Stat. 156.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 77 of the Hawaiian Organic Act (48 U. S. C. 542) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 77. COMPTROLLER AND DEPUTY COMPTROLLER. There shall be a comptroller and deputy comptroller, who shall have the powers and duties conferred upon and required by the auditor-general and deputy auditor-general, respectively, by Act thirty-nine of the session laws as amended by this Act, subject to modification by the legislature. In said Act 'officer' shall be substituted for 'minister' where used without other designation."

SEC. 2. A new section is added, to read as follows:

"SEC. 77A. POST-AUDITOR. There shall be a post-auditor who shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall serve for a term of eight years and until a successor shall have been duly appointed. He shall have such powers and duties relating to the post-audit of Territorial and county accounts and appropriations as may be prescribed by law. The legislature, by a two-thirds vote of the members in joint session, may remove the post-auditor at any time for cause."

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon the enactment by the legislature of the Territory of Hawaii of Legislation prescribing the duties of post-auditor and redefining the duties of the comptroller.

Approved August 1, 1956.

Public Law 907

CHAPTER 863

August 1, 1956
[H. R. 12170]

AN ACT

To remove the present \$1,000 limitation which prevents the Secretary of the Navy from settling certain claims arising out of the crash of a naval aircraft at the Wold-Chamberlain Air Field, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Wold-Chamber-
lain Air Field, Min-
neapolis, Minn.
Claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the \$1,000 limitation contained in the first section of the Act of July 3, 1943, as amended (31 U. S. C. 223b), shall not apply with respect to claims arising out of the crash of a United States Air Force airplane near Wold-Chamberlain Air Field, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on June 5, 1956, and the crash of a United States Navy airplane near Wold-Chamberlain Air Field, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on June 9, 1956.

SEC. 2. With respect to claims filed as a result of the airplane crashes described in the first section of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of the Navy shall, within thirty months after the

date of the enactment of this Act, transmit to the Congress a report setting forth—

Report to Congress.

(1) each claim settled and paid by the Secretary of the Air Force or the Secretary of the Navy, as the case may be, with a brief statement concerning the character and equity of each such claim, the amount claimed, and the amount approved and paid; and

(2) each claim submitted which has not been settled, with supporting papers and a statement of findings of facts and recommendations with respect to each such claim.

SEC. 3. No part of the amounts awarded under 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 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 1, 1956.

Public Law 908

CHAPTER 864

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act relating to the compensation of commissioners for the Territory of Alaska", approved March 15, 1948 (62 Stat. 80) as amended by the Act of July 12, 1952 (66 Stat. 592, 48 U. S. C. 116a).

August 1, 1956
[H. R. 11024]

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 relating to the compensation of commissioners for the Territory of Alaska", approved March 15, 1948 (62 Stat. 80), as amended by the Act approved July 12, 1952 (66 Stat. 592, 48 U. S. C. 116a) is hereby amended to read as follows: "That, notwithstanding the provisions relating to fees earned by commissioners for the Territory of Alaska of section 11 of the Act of June 6, 1900, entitled 'An Act making further provision for a civil government for Alaska, and for other purposes', as amended (U. S. C., 1952 edition, title 48, sec. 116), each such commissioner shall pay to the clerk of the proper division of the court only so much of the aggregate net fees earned during the calendar year by such commissioner as exceeds the sum of \$12,500".

Alaska.
Commissioners.

31 Stat. 326.

Approved August 1, 1956.

Public Law 909

CHAPTER 865

JOINT RESOLUTION

To provide for an investigation of the need for a geophysical institute in the Territory of Hawaii.

August 1, 1956
[H. J. Res. 643]

Whereas the period from July 1957 through December 1958 has been designated the International Geophysical Year; and

Whereas the Territory of Hawaii, because of its location far out in the Pacific Basin, the prevalence of volcanic phenomena in the Hawaiian Islands, and for other reasons appears to be peculiarly suited for geophysical studies; and

Whereas it appears that there could profitably be conducted in the Territory of Hawaii research and investigations in all of the principal branches of geophysics, namely geodesy, seismology, meteor-