

Public Law 87-846

AN ACT

To amend the War Claims Act of 1948, as amended, to provide compensation for certain World War II losses.

October 22, 1962
[H. R. 7283]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

War Claims
Act of 1948,
amendment.

TITLE I

SECTION 101. That the War Claims Act of 1948, as amended, is further amended by inserting after section 1 thereof the following:

62 Stat. 1240,
50 USC app.
2001 note.

"TITLE I"

SEC. 102. The word "Act" wherever it appears in title I except in section 13(a) in reference to the War Claims Act of 1948, as amended, is amended to read "title".

50 USC app.
2012.

SEC. 103. The War Claims Act of 1948, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"TITLE II

"DEFINITIONS

"SEC. 201. As used in this title the term or terms—

"(a) 'Albania', 'Austria', 'Czechoslovakia', 'the Free Territory of Danzig', 'Estonia', 'Germany', 'Greece', 'Latvia', 'Lithuania', 'Poland', and 'Yugoslavia', when used in their respective geographical senses, mean the territorial limits of each such country or free territory, as the case may be, in continental Europe as such limits existed on December 1, 1937.

"(b) 'Commission' means the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States established pursuant to Reorganization Plan Numbered 1 of 1954 (68 Stat. 1279).

"(c) 'National of the United States' means (1) a natural person who is a citizen of the United States, (2) a natural person who, though not a citizen of the United States, owes permanent allegiance to the United States, and (3) a corporation, partnership, unincorporated body, or other entity, organized under the laws of the United States, or of any State, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, or any possession of the United States and in which more than 50 per centum of the outstanding capital stock or other proprietary or similar interest is owned, directly or indirectly, by persons referred to in clauses (1) and (2) of this subsection. It does not include aliens.

"(d) 'Property' means real property and such items of tangible personalty as can be identified and evaluated.

5 USC 1332-15
note.
3 CFR 1954-
1958 Comp.

"CLAIMS AUTHORIZED

"SEC. 202. The Commission is directed to receive and to determine according to the provisions of this title the validity and amount of claims of nationals of the United States for—

"(a) loss or destruction of, or physical damage to, property located in Albania, Austria, Czechoslovakia, the Free Territory of Danzig, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, or Yugoslavia, or in territory which was part of Hungary or Rumania on December 1, 1937, but which was not included in such countries on September 15, 1947, which loss, destruction,

3 UST 3172.

60 Stat. 128.
50 USC app.
1751 note.

or physical damage occurred during the period beginning September 1, 1939, and ending May 8, 1945, or which occurred in the period beginning July 1, 1937, and ending September 2, 1945, to property in territory occupied or attacked by the Imperial Japanese military forces (including territory to which Japan has renounced all right, title, and claim under article 2 of the Treaty of Peace Between the Allied Powers and Japan) except the island of Guam: *Provided*, That claims for loss, destruction, or damage occurring in the Commonwealth of the Philippines shall not be allowed except on behalf of nationals of the United States who have received no payment, and certify under oath or affirmation that they have received no payment, on account of the same loss, destruction, or damage under the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946, whether or not claim was filed thereunder: *Provided further*, That such loss, destruction, or damage must have occurred, as a direct consequence of (1) military operations of war or (2) special measures directed against property in such countries or territories during the respective periods specified, because of the enemy or alleged enemy character of the owner, which property was owned, directly or indirectly, by a national of the United States at the time of such loss, damage or destruction;

“(b) damage to, or loss or destruction of, ships or ship cargoes directly or indirectly owned by a national of the United States at the time such damage, loss, or destruction occurred, which was a direct consequence of military action by Germany or Japan during the period beginning September 1, 1939, and ending September 2, 1945; no award shall be made under this subsection in favor of any insurer or reinsurer as assignee or otherwise as successor in interest to the right of the insured;

“(c) net losses under war-risk insurance or reinsurance policies or contracts, incurred in the settlement of claims for insured losses of ships directly or indirectly owned by a national of the United States at the time of the loss, damage, or destruction of such ships and at the time of the settlement of such claims, which insured losses were a direct consequence of military action by Germany or Japan during the period beginning September 1, 1939, and ending September 2, 1945; such net losses shall be determined by deducting from the aggregate of all payments made in the settlement of such insured losses the aggregate of the net amounts received by any such insurance companies on all policies or contracts of war-risk insurance or reinsurance on ships under which the insured was a national of the United States, after deducting expenses; and

“(d) loss or damage on account of—

“(1) the death of any person who, being then a civilian national of the United States and a passenger on any vessel engaged in commerce on the high seas, died or was killed as a result of military action by Germany or Japan which occurred during the period beginning September 1, 1939, and ending December 11, 1941; awards under this paragraph shall be made only to or for the benefit of the following persons in the order of priority named:

“(A) widow or husband if there is no child or children of the deceased;

“(B) widow or husband and child or children of the deceased, one-half to the widow or husband and the other half to the child or children of the deceased in equal shares;

“(C) child or children of the deceased (in equal shares) if there is no widow or husband; and

“(D) parents of the deceased (in equal shares) if there is no widow, husband, or child;

“(2) injury or permanent disability sustained by any person, who being then a civilian national of the United States and a passenger on any vessel engaged in commerce on the high seas, was injured or permanently disabled as a result of military action by Germany or Japan which occurred during the period beginning September 1, 1939, and ending December 11, 1941; awards under this paragraph shall be payable solely to the person so injured or disabled;

“(3) the loss or destruction, as a result of such action, of property on such vessel, as determined by the Commission to be reasonable, useful, necessary, or proper under the circumstances, which property was owned by any civilian national of the United States who was then a passenger on such vessel; and in the case of the death of any person suffering such loss, awards under this paragraph shall be made only to or for the benefit of the persons designated in paragraph (1) of this subsection and in the order of priority named therein.

“TRANSFERS AND ASSIGNMENTS

“SEC. 203. The transfer or assignment for value of any property forming the subject matter of a claim under subsection (a) or (b) of section 202 subsequent to its damage, loss, or destruction shall not operate to extinguish any claim of the transferor otherwise compensable under either of such subsections. If a claim which could otherwise be allowed under subsection (a) or (b) of section 202 has been assigned for value prior to the enactment of this title, the assignee shall be the party entitled to claim thereunder.

“NATIONALITY OF CLAIMANTS

“SEC. 204. No claim shall be allowed under subsection (a), (b), or (c) of section 202 of this title unless the property upon which it is based was owned by a national or nationals of the United States on the date of loss, damage, or destruction and unless the claim was owned by a national or nationals of the United States continuously thereafter until the date of filing with the Commission pursuant to this title. Where any person who lost United States citizenship solely by reason of marriage to a citizen or subject of a foreign country reacquired such citizenship before the date of enactment of this title, then if such individual, but for such marriage would have been a national of the United States at all times on and after the date of such loss, damage, or destruction until the filing of the claim, such individual shall be treated for all purposes of this title as having been a national of the United States at all such times.

“CLAIMS OF STOCKHOLDERS

“SEC. 205. (a) A claim under section 202 of this title based upon an ownership interest in any corporation, association, or other entity which is a national of the United States shall be denied.

“(b) A claim under section 202 of this title, based upon a direct ownership interest in a corporation, association, or other entity which suffered a loss within the meaning of said section, shall be allowed, subject to other provisions of this title, if such corporation, association, or other entity on the date of the loss was not a national of the

United States, without regard to the per centum of ownership vested in the claimant in any such claim.

"(c) A claim under section 202 of this title, based upon an indirect ownership interest in a corporation, association, or other entity which suffered a loss within the meaning of said section, shall be allowed, subject to other provisions of this title, only if at least 25 per centum of the entire ownership interest thereof at the time of such loss was vested in nationals of the United States.

"(d) Any award on a claim under subsection (b) or (c) of this section shall be calculated on the basis of the total loss suffered by such corporation, association, or other entity, and shall bear the same proportion to such loss as the ownership interest of the claimant bears to the entire ownership interest thereof.

"DEDUCTIONS IN MAKING AWARDS

"SEC. 206. (a) In determining the amount of any award there shall be deducted all amounts the claimant has received on account of the same loss or losses with respect to which an award is made under this title.

"(b) Each claim in excess of \$10,000 filed under this title by a corporation shall include a statement under oath disclosing the aggregate amount of Federal tax benefits derived by such corporation in any prior taxable year or years resulting from any deduction or deductions claimed for the loss or losses with respect to which such claim is filed. In determining the amount of any award where the allowable loss exceeds \$10,000 there shall be deducted an amount equal to the aggregate amount of Federal tax benefits so derived by the claimant. For the purposes of this subsection, such Federal tax benefits shall be the aggregate of the amounts by which the claimant's taxes for such year or years under chapters 1, 2A, 2B, 2D, and 2E of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939, or subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 were decreased with respect to such loss or losses. Any payments made on an award reduced by reason of this subsection shall be exempt from Federal income taxes.

53 Stat. 4.
68A Stat. 4.
26 USC 1 *et seq.*

"CONSOLIDATED AWARDS

"SEC. 207. With respect to any claim which, at the time of the award, is vested in persons other than the person by whom the loss was sustained, the Commission may issue a consolidated award in favor of all claimants then entitled thereto, which award shall indicate the respective interests of such claimant therein; and all such claimants shall participate, in proportion to their indicated interests, in the payments authorized by this title in all respects as if the award had been in favor of a single person.

"CERTAIN AWARDS PROHIBITED

"SEC. 208. No award shall be made under this title to or for the benefit of (1) any person who has been convicted of a violation of any provision of chapter 115, title 18 of the United States Code, or of any other crime involving disloyalty to the United States, or (2) any claimant whose claim under this title is within the scope of title III of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended (69 Stat. 570), except any claimant whose award under section 303(1) of title III of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, is recertified pursuant to subsection (b) of section 209 of this title.

62 Stat. 807.
18 USC 2381
et seq.

64 Stat. 12.
22 USC 1621
note.
22 USC 1641b.

"CERTIFICATION OF AWARDS

"SEC. 209. (a) The Commission shall certify to the Secretary of the Treasury, in terms of United States currency, for payment out of the War Claims Fund each award made pursuant to section 202.

"(b) The Commission shall recertify to the Secretary of the Treasury, in terms of United States currency, for payment out of the War Claims Fund, awards heretofore made with respect to claims against the Government of Hungary under section 303(1) of title III of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended. Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed as authorizing the filing of new claims against Hungary.

22 USC 1641b.

"CLAIM FILING PERIOD

"SEC. 210. Within sixty days after the enactment of this title or of legislation making appropriations to the Commission for payment of administrative expenses incurred in carrying out its functions under this title, whichever date is later, the Commission shall give public notice by publication in the Federal Register of the time when, and the limit of time within which claims may be filed, which limit shall not be more than eighteen months after such publication.

Publication
in F. R.

"CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PERIOD

"SEC. 211. The Commission shall complete its affairs in connection with the settlement of claims pursuant to this title not later than four years following the enactment of legislation making appropriations to the Commission for payment of administrative expenses incurred in carrying out its functions under this title.

"NOTIFICATION TO CLAIMANTS

"SEC. 212. Each award or denial of a claim by the Commission, whether rendered before or after a hearing, shall include a specific statement of the facts and of the reasoning of the Commission in support of its conclusion.

"PAYMENT OF AWARDS; PRIORITIES; LIMITATIONS

"SEC. 213. (a) The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay out of the War Claims Fund on account of awards certified by the Commission pursuant to this title as follows and in the following order of priority:

"(1) Payment in full of awards made pursuant to section 202(d) (1) and (2), and thereafter of any award made pursuant to section 202(a) to any claimant certified to the Commission by the Small Business Administration as having been, on the date of loss, damage, or destruction, a small business concern within the meaning now set forth in the Small Business Act, as amended.

"(2) Thereafter, payments from time to time on account of the other awards made pursuant to section 202 in an amount which shall be the same for each award or in the amount of the award, whichever is less. The total payment made pursuant to this paragraph on account of any award shall not exceed \$10,000.

"(3) Thereafter, payments from time to time on account of the unpaid balance of each remaining award made pursuant to section 202 or recertified pursuant to subsection (b) of section 209 which shall bear to such unpaid balance the same proportion as the total amount in the War Claims Fund and available for distribution at the time such payments are made bears to the aggregate unpaid balances of all such awards. No payment made pursuant to this paragraph on

72 Stat. 384.
15 USC 631
note.

22 USC 1641i.

22 USC 1641b.

Regulations.

account of any award shall exceed the unpaid balance of such award. Payments heretofore made under section 310 of title III of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, on awards made against the Government of Hungary under section 303(1) of title III of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, and recertified under subsection (b) of section 209, shall be considered as payments under this paragraph and no payment shall be made on any recertified award until the percentage of distribution on awards made under section 202 exceeds the corresponding percentage of distribution on such recertified award: *Provided*, That no payment made on awards recertified under subsection (b) of section 209 shall exceed 40 per centum of the amount of the award recertified.

“(b) Such payments, and applications for such payments, shall be made in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe.

“(c) For the purpose of making any such payments, other than under section 213(a)(1), an ‘award’ shall be deemed to mean the aggregate of all awards certified for payment in favor of the same claimant.

“(d) If any person to whom any payment is to be made pursuant to this title is deceased or is under a legal disability, payment shall be made to his legal representative, except that if any payment to be made is not over \$1,000 and there is no qualified executor or administrator, payment may be made to the person or persons found by the Comptroller General to be entitled thereto, without the necessity of compliance with the requirements of law with respect to the administration of estates.

“(e) Payment on account of any award pursuant to this title shall not, unless such payment is for the full amount of the award, extinguish any rights against any foreign government for the unpaid balance of the award.

“(f) Payments made under this section on account of any award for loss, damage, or destruction occurring in the Commonwealth of the Philippines shall not exceed the amount paid on account of awards in the same amount under the Philippine Rehabilitation Act of 1946.

60 Stat. 128.
50 USC app.
1751 note.

“FEES OF ATTORNEYS AND AGENTS

“SEC. 214. No remuneration on account of services rendered on behalf of any claimant in connection with any claim filed with the Commission under this title shall exceed 10 per centum (or such lesser per centum as may be fixed by the Commission with respect to any class of claims) of the total amount paid pursuant to any award certified under the provisions of this title on account of such claim. Any agreement to the contrary shall be unlawful and void. Whoever, in the United States or elsewhere, demands or receives, on account of services so rendered, any remuneration in excess of the maximum permitted by this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than twelve months, or both.

“APPLICATION OF OTHER LAWS

“SEC. 215. To the extent they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this title, the following provisions of title I of this Act and title I of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, shall apply to this title: The first sentence of subsection (b) of section 2, all of subsection (c) of section 2 and section 11 of title I of this Act, and subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f) of section 7 of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended.

22 USC 1621
note.

50 USC app.
2001, 2010.
22 USC 1626.

“TRANSFER OF RECORDS

“SEC. 216. The Secretary of State is authorized and directed to transfer or otherwise make available to the Commission such records and documents relating to claims authorized by this title as may be required by the Commission in carrying out its functions under this title.

“ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

“SEC. 217. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated such sums as may be necessary (but not to exceed the total covered into the Treasury to the credit of miscellaneous receipts under section 39 subsection (d) of the Trading With the Enemy Act) to enable the Commission and the Treasury Department to pay their administrative expenses in carrying out their respective functions under this title.”

62 Stat. 1246.
50 USC app. 39.

SEC. 104. (a) Section 2 of the War Claims Act of 1948, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

50 USC app.
2001.

“(d) The term of office of members of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission holding office on the date of enactment of this subsection shall expire at the end of the one-year period which begins on such date, but during such one-year period each such member shall continue to hold office at the pleasure of the President. The President shall thereafter appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, three members of the Commission. The term of office of each member of the Commission shall be three years, except that of the members first appointed after the end of the one-year period which begins on the date of enactment of this subsection, one shall be appointed for a term of three years, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of one year.”

Commission
members, terms
of office.

Appointment.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude the reappointment as a member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of any person holding office as a member of such Commission on the date of enactment of this Act.

TITLE II

SEC. 201. That the Trading With the Enemy Act, as amended, is amended as follows:

SEC. 202. Section 39 of the Trading With the Enemy Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

50 USC app. 39.

“(d) The Attorney General is authorized and directed to cover into the Treasury from time to time for deposit in the War Claims Fund such sums from property vested in him or transferred to him under this Act as he shall determine in his discretion not to be required to fulfill obligations imposed under this Act or any other provision of law, and not to be the subject matter of any judicial action or proceeding. There shall be deducted from each such deposit 5 per centum thereof for expenses incurred by the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission and by the Treasury Department in the administration of title II of the War Claims Act of 1948. Such deductions shall be made before any payment is made pursuant to such title. All amounts so deducted shall be covered into the Treasury to the credit of miscellaneous receipts.”

Ante, p. 1107.

SEC. 203. Section 9(a) is amended by striking out the period at the end thereof and inserting in lieu thereof a colon and the following: “*Provided further*, That upon a determination made by the President, in time of war or during any national emergency declared by the President, that the interest and welfare of the United States

50 USC app. 9.

Notice of sale.
Publication
in F. R.

require the sale of any property or interest or any part thereof claimed in any suit filed under this subsection and pending on or after the date of enactment of this proviso the Alien Property Custodian or any successor officer, or agency may sell such property or interest or part thereof, in conformity with law applicable to sales of property by him, at any time prior to the entry of final judgment in such suit. No such sale shall be made until thirty days have passed after the publication of notice in the Federal Register of the intention to sell. The net proceeds of any such sale shall be deposited in a special account established in the Treasury, and shall be held in trust by the Secretary of the Treasury pending the entry of final judgment in such suit. Any recovery of any claimant in any such suit in respect of the property or interest or part thereof so sold shall be satisfied from the net proceeds of such sale unless such claimant, within sixty days after receipt of notice of the amount of net proceeds of sale serves upon the Alien Property Custodian, or any successor officer or agency, and files with the court an election to waive all claims to the net proceeds, or any part thereof, and to claim just compensation instead. If the court finds that the claimant has established an interest, right, or title in any property in respect of which such an election has been served and filed, it shall proceed to determine the amount which will constitute just compensation for such interest, right, or title, and shall order payment to the claimant of the amount so determined. An order for the payment of just compensation hereunder shall be a judgment against the United States and shall be payable first from the net proceeds of the sale in an amount not to exceed the amount the claimant would have received had he elected to accept his proportionate part of the net proceeds of the sale, and the balance, if any, shall be payable in the same manner as are judgments in cases arising under section 1346 of title 28, United States Code. The Alien Property Custodian or any successor officer or agency shall, immediately upon the entry of final judgment, notify the Secretary of the Treasury of the determination by final judgment of the claimant's interest and right to the proportionate part of the net proceeds from the sale, and the final determination by judgment of the amount of just compensation in the event the claimant has elected to recover just compensation for the interest in the property he claimed."

50 USC app. 32.

SEC. 204. (a) Section 32(h) is amended by striking out all that follows the first sentence in the first paragraph down through the third paragraph, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "In the case of any organization not so designated before the date of enactment of this amendment, such organization may be so designated only if it applies for such designation within three months after such date of enactment.

"The President, or such officer as he may designate, shall, before the expiration of the one-year period which begins on the date of enactment of this amendment, pay out of the War Claims Fund to organizations designated before or after the date of enactment of this amendment pursuant to this subsection the sum of \$500,000. If there is more than one such designated organization, such sum shall be allocated among such organizations in the proportions in which the proceeds of heirless property were distributed, pursuant to agreements to which the United States was a party, by the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees and successor organizations thereto. Acceptance of payment pursuant to this subsection by any such organization shall constitute a full and complete discharge of all claims filed by such organization pursuant to this section, as it existed before the date of enactment of this amendment.

"No payment may be made to any organization designated under this section unless it has given firm and responsible assurances approved by the President that (1) the payment will be used on the basis of need in the rehabilitation and settlement of persons in the United States who suffered substantial deprivation of liberty or failed to enjoy the full rights of citizenship within the meaning of subdivisions (C) and (D) of subsection (a) (2) of this section; (2) it will make to the President, with a copy to be furnished to the Congress, such reports (including a detailed annual report on the use of the payment made to it) and permit such examination of its books as the President, or such officer or agency as he may designate, may from time to time require; and (3) it will not use any part of such payment for legal fees, salaries, or other administrative expenses connected with the filing of claims for such payment or for the recovery of any property or interest under this section."

(b) The first sentence of section 33 of such Act is amended by striking out all that follows "whichever is later" and inserting a period.

50 USC app. 33.

(c) Section 39 of such Act is amended by adding at the end of subsection (b) the following new sentence: "Immediately upon the enactment of this sentence, the Attorney General shall cover into the Treasury of the United States, for deposit into the War Claims Fund, from property vested in or transferred to him under this Act, the sum of \$500,000 to make payments authorized under section 32(h) of this Act."

50 USC app. 39.

SEC. 205. At the end of the Act, as amended, add the following section:

50 USC app. 32.

"SEC. 40. (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) hereof, all rights and interests of individuals in estates, trusts, insurance policies, annuities, remainders, pensions, workmen's compensation and veterans' benefits vested under this Act after December 17, 1941, which have not become payable or deliverable to or have not vested in possession in the Attorney General prior to December 31, 1961, are hereby divested: *Provided*, That the provisions of this section shall not affect the right of the Attorney General to retain all such property rights and interests and to collect all income which is payable to or vested in possession in him prior to December 31, 1961.

"(b) Nothing contained in this section shall divest or require the divestment of any portion of any such interest the beneficial owner of which is a natural person who has been convicted personally and by name by a court of competent jurisdiction of murder, ill treatment, or deportation for slave labor of prisoners of war, political opponents, hostages, or civilian population in occupied territories, or of murder or ill treatment of military or naval persons, or of plunder or wanton destruction without justified military necessity.

"(c) At the earliest practicable time after the effective date of this Act, the Attorney General shall transmit to the lawful owner or custodian of any interest divested by this section written notice of such divestment."

SEC. 206. At the end of the Act, as amended, add the following new section:

"SEC. 41. (a) Notwithstanding any statute of limitation, lapse of time, any prior decision by any court of the United States, or any compromise, release or assignment to the Alien Property Custodian, jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the United States Court of Claims to hear, determine, and report to the Congress concerning the claims against the United States for the proceeds received by the United States from the sale of the property vested under the provisions of the Trading With the Enemy Act by vesting order num-

50 USC app. 1.

bered 33 relating to certificate numbers 104 to 121, inclusive, 125, 126, 128 to 134, inclusive, and 137 to 139, inclusive. Proceedings with respect to such claims may be instituted hereunder not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

“(b) As used in this section the word ‘copyrights’ includes copyrights, claims of copyrights, rights to copyrights, and rights to copyright renewals.

“(c) All copyrights vested in the Alien Property Custodian or the Attorney General under the provisions of this Act subsequent to December 17, 1941, which have not been returned or otherwise disposed of under this Act, except copyrights vested by vesting orders 128 (7 F.R. 7578), 13111 (14 F.R. 1730), 14349 (15 F.R. 1575), 17366 (16 F.R. 2483), and 17952 (16 F.R. 6162) and copyrights vested with respect to the motion picture listed last in exhibit A of vesting order 11803, as amended (13 F.R. 5167, 15 F.R. 1626), are hereby divested as a matter of grace, effective the ninety-first day after the date of enactment of this section, and the persons entitled thereto shall on that day succeed to the rights, privileges, and obligations arising out of such copyrights, subject, however, to—

“(1) the rights of licensees under licenses issued by the Alien Property Custodian or the Attorney General in respect of such copyrights;

“(2) the rights of assignees under assignments by the Alien Property Custodian or the Attorney General of interests in such licenses; and

“(3) the right retained by the United States to reproduce, for its own use, or exhibit any divested copyrighted motion picture films.

The rights and interests remaining in the Attorney General under licenses issued by him or by the Alien Property Custodian in respect to copyrights divested hereunder are hereby transferred, effective the day of divestment, to the persons entitled to such copyrights: *Provided*, That all unpaid royalties or other income accrued in favor of the Attorney General under such licenses prior to the day of divestment shall be paid by the licensees to the Attorney General.

“(d) All rights or interests vested in the Alien Property Custodian or the Attorney General under the provisions of this Act subsequent to December 17, 1941, arising out of prevesting contracts entered into with respect to copyrights, except—

“(1) royalties or other income received by or accrued in favor of the Alien Property Custodian or the Attorney General under such contracts;

“(2) rights or interests which have been returned or otherwise disposed of under this Act; and

“(3) rights or interests vested by vesting orders 128 (7 F.R. 7578), 13111 (14 F.R. 1730), 14349 (15 F.R. 1575), and 17366 (16 F.R. 2483),

are hereby divested as a matter of grace, effective the ninety-first day after the date of enactment of this section, and the persons entitled to such rights or interests shall succeed thereto, subject to the right of the Attorney General to collect and receive all unpaid royalties or other income accrued in his favor under such prevesting contracts prior to the day of divestment.

“(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to transfer to a person entitled to a copyright divested hereunder the right of the Attorney General to sue for the infringement of such copyright during the period between (1) the vesting thereof or the vesting of rights and interests in a contract entered into with respect thereto, and (2) the day of divestment. The right to sue for infringement shall remain in the Attorney General.”

TITLE III

SEC. 301. If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Act, or the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected.

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AN ACT

To amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, to provide for a Federal telecommunications fund.

October 23, 1962
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title I of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (63 Stat. 377), as amended, is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

Federal telecommunications fund.
5 USC 630g.

"SEC. 110. There is hereby authorized to be established on the books of the Treasury, a Federal telecommunications fund, which shall be available without fiscal year limitation for expenses, including personal services, other costs, and the procurement by lease or purchase of equipment and operating facilities (including cryptographic devices) necessary for the operation of a Federal telecommunications system, to provide local and long distance voice, teletype, data, facsimile, and other communication services. There are authorized to be appropriated to said fund such sums as may be required which, together with the value, as determined by the Administrator, of supplies and equipment from time to time transferred to the Administrator under authority of section 205(f), less any liabilities assumed, shall constitute the capital of the fund: *Provided*, That said fund shall be credited with (1) advances and reimbursements from available appropriations and funds of any agency (including the General Services Administration), organization, or persons for telecommunication services rendered and facilities made available thereto, at rates determined by the Administrator to approximate the costs thereof met by the fund (including depreciation of equipment, provision for accrued leave, and where appropriate, for terminal liability charges and for amortization of installation costs, but excluding, in the determination of rates prior to the fiscal year 1966, such direct operating expenses as may be directly appropriated for, which expenses may be charged to the fund and covered by advances or reimbursements from such direct appropriations) and (2) refunds or recoveries resulting from operations of the fund, including the net proceeds of disposal of excess or surplus personal property and receipts from carriers and others for loss of or damage to property: *Provided further*, That following the close of each fiscal year any net income, after making provision for prior year losses, if any, shall be transferred to the Treasury of the United States as miscellaneous receipts."

63 Stat. 389.
40 USC 486.

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