

for travel to be performed repeatedly between two or more places in the same vicinity, as determined by the head of the executive department concerned, he may, in his discretion, direct that actual and necessary expenses only be allowed. Actual expenses only shall be paid for travel under orders in Alaska and outside the limits of the United States in North America.”

SEC. 10. All payments heretofore made of a character authorized by section 9 of this Act are hereby validated.

SEC. 11. Sections 1 to 5, inclusive, of this Act shall become effective as of June 1, 1942, section 9 shall become effective as of December 22, 1942, and the other sections hereof shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar month occurring after enactment of this Act. No back pay or allowances under any section of this Act for any period prior to the effective date of such section shall accrue by reason of the enactment of this Act, and no back pay or allowances shall accrue to any person who is not entitled to receive active or retired pay on the date of the enactment of this Act.

Approved September 7, 1944.

[CHAPTER 408]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the President of the United States of America to proclaim October 11, 1944, General Pulaski's Memorial Day for the observance and commemoration of the death of Brigadier General Casimir Pulaski.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President of the United States of America is authorized to issue a proclamation calling upon officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all governmental buildings on October 11, 1944, and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies in commemoration of the death of General Casimir Pulaski.

Approved September 7, 1944.

[CHAPTER 410]

AN ACT

To provide a method for compensating certain individuals for damages sustained as the result of the explosions at Port Chicago, California.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy is authorized and directed to make a thorough investigation of the merits of those claims against the United States for compensation for property damage, death, or personal injuries alleged to have been caused by the explosions which occurred at the naval magazine at Port Chicago, California, on July 17, 1944, which shall have been submitted to the Navy Department in writing within six months after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 2. The appropriations for the naval establishment for the fiscal year 1945 shall be available for payment, and payment is hereby authorized, upon approval of the Secretary of the Navy or his designate, of claims referred to in section 1 hereof (a) for disability or death resulting from personal injury sustained by persons not then members of the armed forces or civilian employees of the United States: *Provided,* That settlements shall not aggregate in excess of \$3,000 with respect to the disability or death of any one person nor shall any such settlement be made in amounts which would not be allowable, or for beneficiaries who would not be eligible, under the

Travel in Alaska, etc.

Validation of prior payments.

Effective dates.

Back pay or allowances.

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Availability of appropriations.  
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Limitation on settlements.