

CHAP. 109.—Joint Resolution Relating to supervision of the Lincoln Memorial.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the exercise of its control and direction for the construction of the Lincoln Memorial authorized by Act of Congress, approved February 9, 1911, the commission created by said Act shall designate to perform the duty of special resident commissioner, to represent the commission in the oversight of the work, the Honorable John Temple Graves, recently appointed a member of the Lincoln Memorial Commission, as the successor of the Honorable Joseph C. Blackburn, deceased, and for the special service of the member so designated, he shall be entitled to receive compensation at the rate of \$5,000 per annum out of the appropriations for the construction of such memorial.

Approved, March 29, 1920.

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[Pub. Res., No. 35.]
Lincoln Memorial
Commission.
John Temple Graves
made special resident
member.
Vol. 36, p. 898.
Vol. 38, p. 768.

Compensation.

CHAP. 111.—An Act Relating to the maintenance of actions for death on the high seas and other navigable waters.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever the death of a person shall be caused by wrongful act, neglect, or default occurring on the high seas beyond a marine league from the shore of any State, or the District of Columbia, or the Territories or dependencies of the United States, the personal representative of the decedent may maintain a suit for damages in the district courts of the United States, in admiralty, for the exclusive benefit of the decedent's wife, husband, parent, child, or dependent relative against the vessel, person, or corporation which would have been liable if death had not ensued.

SEC. 2. That the recovery in such suit shall be a fair and just compensation for the pecuniary loss sustained by the persons for whose benefit the suit is brought and shall be apportioned among them by the court in proportion to the loss they may severally have suffered by reason of the death of the person by whose representative the suit is brought.

SEC. 3. That such suit shall be begun within two years from the date of such wrongful act, neglect, or default, unless during that period there has not been reasonable opportunity for securing jurisdiction of the vessel, person, or corporation sought to be charged; but after the expiration of such period of two years the right of action hereby given shall not be deemed to have lapsed until ninety days after a reasonable opportunity to secure jurisdiction has offered.

SEC. 4. That whenever a right of action is granted by the law of any foreign State on account of death by wrongful act, neglect, or default occurring upon the high seas, such right may be maintained in an appropriate action in admiralty in the courts of the United States without abatement in respect to the amount for which recovery is authorized, any statute of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 5. That if a person die as the result of such wrongful act, neglect, or default as is mentioned in section 1 during the pendency in a court of admiralty of the United States of a suit to recover damages for personal injuries in respect of such act, neglect, or default, the personal representative of the decedent may be substituted as a party and the suit may proceed as a suit under this Act for the recovery of the compensation provided in section 2.

SEC. 6. That in suits under this Act the fact that the decedent has been guilty of contributory negligence shall not bar recovery, but

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United States courts.
Actions for damages
from death on the high
seas, etc., allowed in.

Apportionment of
recovery.

Time limit to bring
suits.

Actions allowed by
law of foreign country
may be brought in
Federal courts.

Death occurring dur-
ing suit for damages.
Recovery by per-
sonal representative.
Post, p. 1638.

Effect of contribu-
tory negligence.

the court shall take into consideration the degree of negligence attributable to the decedent and reduce the recovery accordingly.

States laws not affected.
Waters not included.
No pending suit, etc., affected.

SEC. 7. That the provisions of any State statute giving or regulating rights of action or remedies for death shall not be affected by this Act. Nor shall this Act apply to the Great Lakes or to any waters within the territorial limits of any State, or to any navigable waters in the Panama Canal Zone.

SEC. 8. That this Act shall not affect any pending suit, action, or proceeding.

Approved, March 30, 1920.

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[H. R. 12487.]
[Public, No. 166.]

CHAP. 112.—An Act Making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, and for other purposes.

Military Academy appropriations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921:

Permanent establishment.

PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENT.

Professors, etc.

For pay of seven professors, \$26,500.

For pay of one chaplain, \$2,400.

Master of the sword.

For pay of master of the sword, \$3,500, and the present incumbent shall have the relative rank and be entitled to the pay, allowances, and emoluments of a lieutenant colonel during his incumbency.

Rank, etc.

Cadets.

For pay of cadets, \$850,000.

Pay increased for 1921.

R. S., sec. 1339, p. 228; Vol. 40, p. 1336.

Proviso.
Credit for clothing, equipment, etc.

The pay of cadets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, shall be fixed at \$780 per annum and one ration per day or commutation thereof at the rate of \$1.08 per ration, to be paid from the appropriation for the subsistence of the Army: *Provided*, That the sum of \$250 shall be credited to each cadet now at the academy and to each cadet discharged since January 1, 1919, to the extent of paying any balance due by any such cadet to the academy on account of initial clothing and equipment issued to him.

Officers on detached service.

OFFICERS ON DETACHED SERVICE AT THE ACADEMY.

Extra pay.

For extra pay of officers of the Army on detached service at the Military Academy:

For pay of one commandant of cadets (colonel) in addition to his regular pay, \$1,000.

For pay of one professor of ordnance and science of gunnery (lieutenant colonel) in addition to pay as major, \$500.

For pay of one professor of law (lieutenant colonel) in addition to pay as major, \$500.

For pay of one professor of practical military engineering (lieutenant colonel) in addition to pay as major, \$500.

For pay of twelve assistant professors (captains) in addition to pay as first and second lieutenants, \$4,800.

For pay of three battalion commanders in addition to pay as captain, \$1,800.

For pay of one senior assistant instructor of Field Artillery tactics (major) in addition to pay as captain, \$600.

For pay of one senior assistant instructor of Cavalry tactics (major) in addition to pay as captain, \$600.

For pay of one senior assistant instructor of Coast Artillery tactics (major) in addition to pay as captain, \$600.