

SEC. 2. There is hereby established a commission to be known as the United States Washington and Lee University Bicentennial Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) to be composed of fifteen commissioners, as follows: The President of the United States and four persons to be appointed by him, the President of the Senate and four Members of the Senate to be appointed by said President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and four Members of the House to be appointed by said Speaker.

Establishment of  
Commission.

SEC. 3. The Commission, on behalf of the United States, shall cooperate with representatives of Washington and Lee University and the Commonwealth of Virginia in appropriate observance of this anniversary and extend appropriate courtesies to the delegates of foreign universities and other foreign learned bodies or individuals attending the celebration as guests of Washington and Lee University.

SEC. 4. The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation and shall select a chairman from among their number, but the President of the United States shall be designated as the honorary chairman of the Commission.

SEC. 5. Any vacancies occurring in the membership of the Commission shall be filled in the same manner in which original appointments to such Commission are made.

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[CHAPTER 463]

AN ACT

To provide a method of paying certain unsettled claims for damages sustained as a result of the explosions at Port Chicago, California, on July 17, 1944, in the amounts found to be due by the Secretary of the Navy.

June 14, 1948  
[H. R. 669]  
[Public Law 637]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for the purpose of effecting the settlement of those claims against the United States resulting from the explosions which occurred at the naval ammunition depot at Port Chicago, California, on July 17, 1944, which have not been settled by the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full settlement of all such claims, the respective sums found to be due in the report of the Secretary of the Navy to Congress dated September 13, 1945, and entitled "Summary of Reports of the Secretary of the Navy to Congress of the United States pursuant to Public Law 423, Seventy-eighth Congress, second session, of claims resulting from the explosion which occurred at the naval ammunition depot at Port Chicago, California"; and claims not filed within the limitation established by said Public Law 423 but which are filed within six months after the date of the approval of this Act are authorized to be investigated and reported to the Congress with recommendations by the Secretary of the Navy in accordance with the provisions of said Public Law 423: *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 attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, 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 \$5,000.

Port Chicago, Calif.  
Settlement of claims.

58 Stat. 731.

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## [CHAPTER 464]

## AN ACT

June 14, 1948

[H. R. 3680]

[Public Law 638]

To amend sections 207, 213, 215, 216, 220, 222, and 225, of title 2 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended.

Hawaiian Homes  
Commission Act,  
amendments.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 207 (a) of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

42 Stat. 110.  
48 U. S. C. § 701 (a).

**“SEC. 207. LEASES TO HAWAIIANS, LICENSES.—**

“(a) The Commission is authorized to lease to native Hawaiians the right to the use and occupancy of a tract or tracts of Hawaiian home lands within the following acreage limits per each lessee: (1) Not less than one nor more than forty acres of agricultural lands; or (2) not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred acres of first-class pastoral lands; or (3) not less than two hundred and fifty nor more than one thousand acres of second-class pastoral lands; or (4) not more than one acre of any class of land to be used as a residence lot: *Provided, however,* That, in the case of any existing lease of a farm lot in the Kalanianaʻole Settlement on Molokai, a residence lot may exceed one acre but shall not exceed four acres in area, the location of such area to be selected by the lessee concerned: *Provided further,* That a lease granted to any lessee may include two detached farm lots located on the same island and within a reasonable distance of each other, one of which, to be designated by the Commission, shall be occupied by the lessee as his home, the gross acreage of both lots not to exceed the maximum acreage of an agricultural or pastoral lot, as the case may be, as provided in this section.”

Kalanianaʻole Settle-  
ment on Molokai.

Farm lots.

58 Stat. 264.  
48 U. S. C. § 701 (c).

**SEC. 2.** Section 207 (c) of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“(c) (1) The Commission is authorized to grant licenses for terms of not to exceed twenty-one years in each case, to public-utility companies or corporations as easements for railroads, telephone lines, electric power and light lines, gas mains, and the like. The Commission is also authorized to grant licenses for lots within a district in which lands are leased under the provisions of this section, to—

“(A) churches, hospitals, and public schools;

“(B) theaters, garages, service stations, markets, stores, and other mercantile establishments (all of which shall be owned by lessees of the Commission or by organizations formed and controlled by said lessees).

“(2) The Commission is also authorized, with the approval of the Governor, to grant licenses to the United States for terms not to exceed five years, for reservations, roads, and other rights-of-way, water storage and distribution facilities, and practice target ranges: *Provided,* That any such license may be extended from time to time by the Commission, with the approval of the Governor, for additional terms of three years: *Provided further,* That any such license shall not restrict the areas required by the Commission in carrying on its duties, nor interfere in any way with the Commission’s operation or maintenance activities.”

42 Stat. 112.  
48 U. S. C. § 707.

**SEC. 3.** Section 213 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 213. HAWAIIAN HOME-LOAN FUND; HAWAIIAN HOME-DEVELOPMENT FUND; HAWAIIAN HOME-OPERATING FUND; HAWAIIAN HOME-ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT.—**(a) There are hereby established in the treasury of the Territory two revolving funds to be known as the Hawaiian home-loan fund and the Hawaiian home-operating fund, and two special funds to be known as the Hawaiian home-development fund and the Hawaiian home-administration account.