

[CHAPTER 358]

AN ACT

July 25, 1949
[S. 937]
[Public Law 182]

To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to effect the payment of certain claims against the United States.

Claims against U. S.
Payment author-
ized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sum as may be necessary to effect full and final settlement of the following claims against the United States:

J. D. Wiggins.

(a) Claim of the Government of Great Britain in the sum of £3,000 (\$12,097.50) on behalf of the parents of the late J. D. Wiggins of the British vessel *Sambre*, arising out of the death of the latter as a consequence of shots fired by John B. Coyne, United States Navy, an armed sentry aboard the United States ship *Carter Hall* at Shanghai, China, on November 23, 1945;

Spanish vessel
Christina.

(b) Claim of the Government of Great Britain for reimbursement in the sum of £721.05 (\$2,907.52), representing the pro rata share of the United States of the sum paid to the Government of Spain by the Government of Great Britain, as a consequence of damages caused in the bombing of the Spanish vessel steamship *Christina* at Sete, France, in an attack by joint air forces of the United States and Great Britain, respectively, on June 25, 1944; and

Trygve Jorgensen.

(c) Claim of the Government of Norway in the sum of 19,650 patacas (\$5,354.63) on behalf of Trygve Jorgensen, arising out of personal injuries sustained when the ship *Masbate*, of which he was captain, was attacked in the harbor of Macao by United States military aircraft on February 25, 1945.

In all, \$20,359.65; together with such additional sums due to increases in rates of exchange as may be necessary to pay claims in the foreign currencies as specified in the claims.

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[CHAPTER 359]

AN ACT

July 25, 1949
[S. 1280]
[Public Law 183]

To amend the Federal Airport Act so as to limit to 10 per centum any increase of the amount stated as a maximum obligation under a grant agreement.

60 Stat. 177.
49 U. S. C. § 1111.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 12 of the Federal Airport Act is amended by inserting before the period at the end of the fourth sentence thereof the following: "by more than 10 per centum".

Approved July 25, 1949.

[CHAPTER 360]

AN ACT

July 25, 1949
[S. 1639]
[Public Law 184]

To amend section 1452, Revised Statutes, relating to Presidential action on the proceedings and decisions of Navy retiring boards.

34 U. S. C. § 416.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1452 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows: "A record of the proceedings and decision of the board in each case shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Navy for his approval or disapproval, or orders in the case."

Approved July 25, 1949.

[CHAPTER 361]

AN ACT

To amend section 205 of the Interstate Commerce Act, relating to joint boards.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (b) of section 205 of the Interstate Commerce Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(b) Whenever there arises in the administration of this part any matter that the Commission is required to refer to a joint board, or that the Commission determines, in its discretion, to refer to a joint board, the Commission shall, if no joint board eligible to consider said matter is in existence, create a joint board to consider the matter when referred, and to recommend appropriate order thereon. The Commission shall prescribe rules governing meetings and procedure of joint boards and may, in the event of legal proceedings preventing reference to a joint board, determine the matter as provided in section 17. Except as hereinafter provided, a joint board shall consist of a member from each State in which the motor carrier or brokerage operations involved are or are proposed to be conducted. The member from any such State shall be nominated by the board of such State from its own membership or otherwise; or if there is no board in such State or if the board of such State fails to make a nomination when requested by the Commission, then the Governor of such State may nominate such member. The Commission is authorized to appoint as a member upon the joint board any such nominee approved by it. If both the board and the Governor of any State shall fail to nominate a joint board member when requested, then the joint board shall be constituted without a member from such State, if members for two or more States shall have been nominated and approved by the Commission. All decisions and recommendations by joint boards shall be by majority vote: *Provided, however,* That in any matter where only one member shall participate in a hearing such member shall constitute a quorum and make recommendation of an order thereon. If the board of each State from which a member of a joint board is entitled to be appointed shall waive action on any matter referred to such joint board, or if any joint board fails or refuses to act, or is unable to agree upon any matter submitted to it within forty-five days after the matter is referred to it or such other period as the Commission may authorize, or if a member shall not be nominated for more than one State (except only when the operations proposed shall be into or through territory foreign to the United States), then such matter shall be decided as in the case of any matter not required to be referred to a joint board. The failure of a duly appointed member of a joint board to participate in any hearing on a matter referred to such joint board, after notice thereof, shall be considered to constitute, as to the matter referred, a waiver of action on the part of the State from which such member was appointed, but shall not affect the duty and power of the remaining members or member of said joint board, if any, to proceed with said hearing, to consider such matter, and to make recommendation of an order thereon. When any proceeding required to be referred to a joint board shall involve operations of a motor carrier conducted or proposed to be conducted into or through territory foreign to the United States, if a single State shall be involved, or if only one State shall make nomination of a joint board member through its Governor or State board, then the Commission, in such case, may receive from that State the nomination of

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[Public Law 185]

Interstate Commerce Act, amendment.

49 Stat. 548.
49 U. S. C. 305 (b);
Supp. II, § 305 note.
Joint boards.24 Stat. 385.
49 U. S. C. § 17.
Members.

Quorum.

Waiver of action.