be adjudicated by such foreign government in accordance with the laws and regulations of such foreign government, the Secretary of Defense is hereby authorized—

(a) to reimburse such foreign government for the agreed pro rata share of such sums as may be expended by such foreign government for the payment of such claims; or

(b) to pay to such foreign government an agreed pro rata share of claims arising out of damage to the property of such foreign government,

including costs of settlement or arbitration: *Provided*, That no claim arising out of any action by an enemy of the United States or resulting directly or indirectly from any act by the Armed Forces of the United States, or any member thereof, engaged in combat shall be considered or paid under this Act.

Restriction.

SEC. 2. Whenever the terms of an international agreement to which the United States is now or may hereafter be a party provide that certain claims against a foreign government arising out of acts or omissions in the performance of official duty within the territory of the United States of civilian employees of the Armed Forces, or military personnel, of such foreign government, be adjudicated by the United States in accordance with the laws and regulations of the United States subject to an agreed pro rata reimbursement, such claims may be prosecuted against the United States or settled by the United States under then existing laws and regulations as if such acts or omissions were performed by civilian employees of the Armed Forces or military personnel of the United States in the performance of official duty.

SEC. 3. Whenever a dispute arises in the consideration, adjustment, settlement, compromise, or adjudication of a claim asserted under section 2 of this Act as to whether or not an act or omission of a civilian employee or military personnel of a foreign country was in the performance of official duty, or as to whether or not the use of any vehicle of the armed forces of such party was authorized, such disputed question or questions shall be decided in accordance with the terms of the international agreement with such foreign country, and such decision shall be final and conclusive. The Secretary of Defense is authorized to pay the United States portion of costs arising in connection with the securing of such a decision as provided by such international agreement.

SEC. 4. Any pro rata reimbursement or payment by the United States with respect to a settlement, award, or compromise made pursuant to this Act shall be made by the Secretary of Defense out of appropriations for that purpose, which appropriations are hereby authorized, and such appropriations may be used for the purchase of foreign currencies necessary for any such reimbursement.

Approved August 31, 1954.

Public Law 735 CHAPTER 1153

AN ACT

August 31, 1954
[S. 3868]

Authorizing the payment of salary to any individual given a recess appointment as Comptroller General of the United States before the beginning of the Eighty-fourth Congress.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding section 1761, as amended, of the Revised Statutes, any individual appointed by the President to the office of Comptroller General of the

Comptroller General.
Salary of recess appointee.
5 USC 56.

United States before the beginning of the first regular session of the Eighty-fourth Congress may be paid the salary for such office as provided by law.

Termination.

SEC. 2. This Act shall cease to be in effect upon the forty-first day following the beginning of the first regular session of the Eighty-fourth Congress unless prior to such day the President shall have submitted to the Senate a nomination to fill such office.

Approved August 31, 1954.

Public Law 736 CHAPTER 1154

August 31, 1954
[H. J. Res. 565]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend the joint resolution providing for the membership of the United States in the Pan American Institute of Geography and History and authorize appropriations therefor.

Pan American Institute of Geography and History.
49 Stat. 512.
22 USC 273.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Resolution 42, Seventy-fourth Congress, approved August 2, 1935, is amended to read as follows: "That in order to meet the obligations of the United States as a member of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, there are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of State—

"(a) the sum of $98,775 for payment by the United States of its assessed annual contributions for the period beginning July 1, 1951, and extending through the fiscal year expiring June 30, 1954; and

"(b) such sums, not to exceed $50,000 annually, as may be required thereafter for the payment by the United States of its share of the expenses of the Institute, as apportioned in accordance with the statutes of the Institute."

Approved August 31, 1954.

Public Law 737 CHAPTER 1155

August 31, 1954
[H. R. 179]

AN ACT

To amend section 7 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946, as amended.

Oversea Federal employees.
Travel expenses.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 7 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 806; 5 U. S. C. 73b-3), as amended, is further amended by changing the period at the end of the first sentence to a colon and adding the following: "*Provided further*, That expenses of round trip travel of employee and transportation of immediate family but excluding household effects, from their posts of duty outside the continental United States to the places of actual residence at time of appointment or transfer to such overseas posts of duty, shall be allowed in the case of persons who have satisfactorily completed an agreed period of service overseas and are returning to their actual place of residence for the purpose of taking leave prior to serving another tour of duty at the same or some other overseas post, under a new written agreement entered into before departing from the overseas post: *Provided further*, That expenses of transportation of the immediate family and shipment of household effects of any employee from the post of duty of such employee outside continental United States to place of actual residence shall be allowed, not in excess of one time, prior to the return of such employee to the