vendors from whom collection of the overpayments has not been effected and which amounts have been disallowed by the Comptroller General of the United States.

SEC. 2. That any amounts refunded by any disbursing officer or his heirs in connection with any item of indebtedness in accounts cleared herein and/or any amount otherwise due any disbursing officer or his heirs which was set off against any item of indebtedness which is cleared herein, shall be refunded to such disbursing officer or his heirs from the account to which credited if that account is available for disbursement, or if not, from the appropriation "Payment of certified claims": *Provided*, That no part of the amount authorized under this section to be refunded shall be charged against any individual other than the person to whom the erroneous payment was made or the person who received the benefit thereof.

SEC. 3. That in all cases where disbursing officers' accounts are cleared or relieved under the authority of this Act, such clearance or relief shall be considered and construed as precluding the recovery from such disbursing officers of any interest charges (whether in connection with judicial proceedings or otherwise) arising from any item so cleared or relieved.

Approved August 31, 1954.

Private Law 958 CHAPTER 1203

AN ACT

August 31, 1954
[H. R. 7881]

To validate a conveyance of certain lands by Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and its lessee, Southern Pacific Company, to Morgan Hopkins, Incorporated.

Southern Pacific Railroad Co. Conveyance validation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the conveyance hereinafter particularly described and heretofore executed by Southern Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation, and its lessee, Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, involving certain lands or interests therein, in the county of Los Angeles, State of California, and forming a part of the right-of-way of said Southern Pacific Railroad Company, granted by the Government of the United States of America by section 23 of the Act of March 3, 1871 (16 Stat. 573), is hereby legalized, validated, and confirmed, as far as the interest of the United States is concerned, with the same force and effect as if the land involved therein had been held at the time of such conveyance by the corporations making the same under absolute fee-simple title.

16 Stat. 579.

The conveyance, recorded in the office of the county recorder of Los Angeles County, California, in book of official records, which is hereby legalized, validated and confirmed, is as follows: Dated May 13, 1953; recorded June 14, 1953; volume 41897, page 48, to Morgan Hopkins, Incorporated: *Provided*, That such legalization, validation, and confirmation shall not in any instance diminish said right-of-way to a width less than fifty feet on either side of the center of the main track or tracks of said Southern Pacific Railroad Company as now established and maintained: *Provided further*, That nothing herein contained is intended or shall be construed to legalize, validate, or confirm any rights, titles, or interests based upon or arising out of adverse possession, prescription, or abandonment, and not confirmed by conveyance heretofore made by Southern Pacific Railroad Company and its lessee, Southern Pacific Company: *And provided further*, That there shall be reserved to the United States all oil, coal, or

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other minerals in the land, and the right to prospect for, mine and remove the same under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

Approved August 31, 1954.

Private Law 959 CHAPTER 1204

August 31, 1954
[H. R. 7886]

AN ACT

For the relief of Mrs. Cecil Norton Broy.

Mrs. Cecil N. Broy.

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $3,000 to Mrs. Cecil Norton Broy, of Arlington, Virginia. Such sum shall be in full settlement of all claims of Mrs. Cecil Norton Broy against the United States for medical and hospital expenses incurred by her husband, Charles Clinton Broy, and for his subsequent death as a result of his having been struck by a train operated by the Imperial German Government and the German National Railways at a railroad crossing in Bergheim, Germany, on August 29, 1940, while he was an employee of the United States Government in the diplomatic service: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act 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 $1,000.

Approved August 31, 1954.

Private Law 960 CHAPTER 1205

August 31, 1954
[H. R. 8606]

AN ACT

For the relief of Neil C. Hemmer and Mildred Hemmer.

Neil C. and Mildred Hemmer.

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Neil C. Hemmer and Mildred Hemmer of Austin, Minnesota, the sum of $1,650, in full settlement of all claims against the United States for personal injuries, medical and hospital expenses, and property damage sustained as a result of an accident involving a United States Army vehicle bearing United States Government license number 188262, near Albert Lea, Minnesota, on March 16, 1952. This claim is not cognizable under The Federal Tort Claims Act: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act 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 $1,000.

62 Stat. 982.
28 USC 2671 *et seq.*

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