

date of the enactment of this Act, transmit to the Congress a report setting forth—

Report to Congress.

(1) each claim settled and paid by the Secretary of the Air Force or the Secretary of the Navy, as the case may be, with a brief statement concerning the character and equity of each such claim, the amount claimed, and the amount approved and paid; and

(2) each claim submitted which has not been settled, with supporting papers and a statement of findings of facts and recommendations with respect to each such claim.

SEC. 3. No part of the amounts awarded under 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 these claims, 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 1, 1956.

Public Law 908

CHAPTER 864

AN ACT

August 1, 1956
[H. R. 11024]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act relating to the compensation of commissioners for the Territory of Alaska", approved March 15, 1948 (62 Stat. 80) as amended by the Act of July 12, 1952 (66 Stat. 592, 48 U. S. C. 116a).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act relating to the compensation of commissioners for the Territory of Alaska", approved March 15, 1948 (62 Stat. 80), as amended by the Act approved July 12, 1952 (66 Stat. 592, 48 U. S. C. 116a) is hereby amended to read as follows: "That, notwithstanding the provisions relating to fees earned by commissioners for the Territory of Alaska of section 11 of the Act of June 6, 1900, entitled 'An Act making further provision for a civil government for Alaska, and for other purposes', as amended (U. S. C., 1952 edition, title 48, sec. 116), each such commissioner shall pay to the clerk of the proper division of the court only so much of the aggregate net fees earned during the calendar year by such commissioner as exceeds the sum of \$12,500".

Alaska.
Commissioners.

31 Stat. 326.

Approved August 1, 1956.

Public Law 909

CHAPTER 865

JOINT RESOLUTION

August 1, 1956
[H. J. Res. 643]

To provide for an investigation of the need for a geophysical institute in the Territory of Hawaii.

Whereas the period from July 1957 through December 1958 has been designated the International Geophysical Year; and

Whereas the Territory of Hawaii, because of its location far out in the Pacific Basin, the prevalence of volcanic phenomena in the Hawaiian Islands, and for other reasons appears to be peculiarly suited for geophysical studies; and

Whereas it appears that there could profitably be conducted in the Territory of Hawaii research and investigations in all of the principal branches of geophysics, namely geodesy, seismology, meteor-

ology, oceanography, terrestrial magnetism and electricity, volcanology, geochemistry and petrology, hydrology, and tectonophysics: It is hereby

Hawaii. Geophysical institute.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the National Science Foundation (hereinafter referred to as the "Foundation"), is hereby authorized and directed to conduct an investigation into the need for and the feasibility and usefulness of a geophysical institute located in the Territory of Hawaii. In conducting such an investigation, the Foundation shall give particular attention to—

- (a) the benefits to the Federal Government which would arise from the establishment and maintenance of such an institute;
- (b) the appropriateness of financing by the Federal Government, in whole or in part, of the establishment or of the establishment and maintenance of such an institute;
- (c) if such financing by the Federal Government appears appropriate, the agency or agencies of the executive branch to which appropriation should be made and upon which directional authority should be conferred; and
- (d) the extent, if any, to which such a geophysical institute should be a part of or otherwise related to the University of Hawaii.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 2. The Foundation shall report the results of its investigations, together with its recommendations based thereon, to the Congress not later than nine months after the date of enactment of this Act. The final report shall include estimates of the cost, if any, to the United States of the establishment or of the establishment and maintenance of the geophysical institute so recommended.

Approved August 1, 1956.

Public Law 910

CHAPTER 870

JOINT RESOLUTION

August 2, 1956 [S. J. Res. 93]

Authorizing the acceptance of a gift from the Ericsson Memorial Committee of the United States.

Ericsson Memorial committee. Acceptance of statue.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior, on behalf of the United States, is hereby authorized to accept the offer of the Ericsson Memorial Committee of the United States of a replica of the heroic bronze statue of Leifr Eiricsson, the original of said replica having been presented to the people of Iceland by the United States Government as a gesture of good will and friendly relations on the one thousandth anniversary of Althing, the Icelandic parliament.

Site.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior is further authorized and directed to choose upon the recommendation of the National Commission of Fine Arts, and concurred in by the National Park Service, a site on the public grounds of the United States in the District of Columbia; and is further authorized and directed to design and erect an appropriate pedestal upon which to place said statue.

Funds.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior is further authorized to accept from any source donations of funds to carry out the provisions of section 2 of this joint resolution.

Approved August 2, 1956.