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AN ACT
For the relief of Commander George B. Greer.

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 authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Commander George B. Greer, United States Navy, the sum of $2,206.66. The payment of such sum shall be in full settlement of all claims of the said Commander George B. Greer against the United States for compensation still due him for personal property lost or damaged on August 16, 1953, in an explosion in Quarters "M", New York Naval Shipyard, which he occupied as Ordnance Officer of such shipyard. The board of investigation which inquired into the explosion recommended (in its report dated August 23, 1953) that suitable payment be made the said Commander George B. Greer for personal property losses, and the Bureau of Naval Personnel subsequently determined that $4,706.66 was due him on the claim, but he could be paid only $2,500 on account of the limitation contained in section 1 (a) of the Military Personnel Claims Act of 1945. This claim is not cognizable under the tort claims procedure as provided in title 28, United States Code:

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.

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AN ACT
For the relief of Kingan, Incorporated.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to pay, out of money heretofore made available for the eradication of the disease vesicular exanthema in swine, to Kingan, Incorporated, of Richmond, Virginia, the sum of $13,095.82, an amount equal to that heretofore paid by the State of Virginia. The payment of such sum shall be in full settlement of all claims of Kingan, Incorporated, against the United States arising out of the destruction of swine at its plant in Richmond, Virginia, in January 1953, because of the infection and exposure of these swine to the contagious disease vesicular exanthema. Such swine were destroyed by order of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Virginia, cooperating with the United States Department of Agriculture, under an agreement whereby such losses were to be indemnified on the basis of 50 per centum by the State and 50 per centum by the United States. 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.

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