Private Law 87-196

AN ACT
For the relief of Andrew Telesfor Kostanecki.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Andrew Telesfor Kostanecki shall be deemed to have been within the purview of the Act of May 24, 1934 (48 Stat. 797), at the time of his birth.

Approved September 14, 1961.

Private Law 87-197

AN ACT
For the relief of Rear Admiral Carl H. Cotter.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Rear Admiral Carl H. Cotter, United States Navy, retired, is relieved of liability to pay to the United States the sum of $27,917.94, which amount represents the total of overpayments of retired pay during the period beginning May 1, 1956, and ending July 31, 1959, while the said Carl H. Cotter was president of the Capitol Construction Company and that company was engaged in certain contract work for the United States. In the audit and settlement of the accounts of any certifying or disbursing officer of the United States, full credit shall be given for any amount for which liability is relieved by this section.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Rear Admiral Carl H. Cotter, United States Navy, retired, the amount certified to him by the Secretary of the Navy as the sum of the amounts withheld from him by the United States on account of the liability referred to in the first section of this Act. The payment of such sum shall be in full settlement of all claims of the said Carl H. Cotter against the United States for amounts withheld from his retired pay on account of the liability referred to in the first section of this Act: Provided, That no part of the amount appropriated in this section 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 this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1,000.

Approved September 15, 1961.

Private Law 87-198

AN ACT
For the relief of Chief Warrant Officer James M. Cook.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Chief Warrant Officer James M. Cook, United States Army (serial number RW 905135), is hereby relieved of liability to repay to the United States the sum of $752.27, which was paid to him erroneously on account of annual leave. As a result of such erroneous payment to the said Chief
Warrant Officer James M. Cook, he has been deprived of over thirty-six days of annual leave to which he was otherwise entitled.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the said Chief Warrant Officer James M. Cook an amount equal to all amounts paid by him to the United States, or withheld from his pay by the United States, prior to the date of enactment of this Act, to the extent that such amounts have reduced below $752.27 his indebtedness to the United States arising out of the erroneous payment to him on May 20, 1955, of $1,495.73 for accrued leave and mustering-out payment.

SEC. 3. In the audit and settlement of the accounts of any certifying or disbursing officer of the United States, full credit shall be given for the amount for which liability is relieved by this Act.

SEC. 4. 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 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 September 21, 1961.

Private Law 87-199

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 William C. Winter, Junior, Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force (Medical Corps), Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, the sum of $10,770.63 in full satisfaction of his claim against the United States for reimbursement in addition to the amount he received under the provisions of title 10, United States Code, section 2732, as amended, for household and personal effects destroyed or damaged in August 1955 when the warehouse in which such effects were stored in Waterbury, Connecticut, was inundated by a flood: 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 September 21, 1961.

Private Law 87-200

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia to hear, determine, and render judgment