

sede or impair any authority otherwise granted to any officer or executive department or agency of the United States to sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of any bonds, notes, or other securities, acquired by the United States under judicial process or otherwise.

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[CHAPTER 52]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relative to determination and payment of certain claims against the Government of Mexico.

April 3, 1945
[H. J. Res. 115]
[Public Law 29]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5 of the Settlement of Mexican Claims Act of 1942, approved December 18, 1942 (56 Stat. 1058), is amended by adding a new subsection numbered (d) and reading as follows:

“(d) In any case in which the Commission shall enter an award, it shall, as soon as practicable, certify such award to the Secretary of the Treasury.”

SEC. 2. Section 5 (d) of such Act is amended to read as follows:

“(e) The Commission shall, upon the completion of its work, transmit in duplicate to the Secretary of State and to the Secretary of the Treasury the following:

“(1) A list of all claims disallowed;

“(2) A list of all claims allowed, in whole or in part (together with the amount of each claim and the amount awarded thereon); and

“(3) A copy of the decision rendered in each case.”

SEC. 3. Section 8 (c) of such Act is amended to read as follows:

“(c) The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed, out of the sums covered into the fund pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and after making the deduction provided for in section 10 (b), to make payments on account of awards and appraisals certified pursuant to sections 4 (b), 4 (c), and 6 (b) of this Act, prior to the date of the enactment of the Settlement of Mexican Claims Act Amendments of 1945 of an amount not to exceed 30 per centum of the award or appraisal in each case, exclusive of interest; and, on and after July 1, 1945, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed, out of the sums covered into the fund pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and after making the deduction provided for in section 10 (b), to make an additional payment on account of awards and appraisals certified pursuant to sections 4 (b), 4 (c), and 6 (b) of this Act prior to the date of the enactment of the Settlement of Mexican Claims Act Amendments of 1945, of an amount not to exceed 10 per centum of the award or appraisal in each case, exclusive of interest.”

SEC. 4. Section 4 (b) of such Act is amended to read as follows:

“(b) In connection with such cases, the Commission shall, as soon as practicable, notify each claimant, or his attorney, by registered mail to his last-known address, of the appraisals so made. Within a period of thirty days after the mailing of such notice, the claimant shall notify the Commission in writing whether the appraisal so made is accepted as final and binding, or whether a petition for review will be filed as provided in subsection (c). If the claimant fails to so notify the Commission in writing within such period, or if the Commission is notified within such period of the final acceptance of such appraisal, it shall, at the expiration of such period, enter an award on the basis of such appraisal: *Provided*, That if the Commission's efforts to notify the respective claimants, or their attorneys have failed to disclose their whereabouts, the Commission may, at the expiration of a period of thirty days from the date of the enactment of the Settle-

Settlement of Mexican Claims Act Amendments of 1945.
22 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 664.
Infra.

Certification of awards.

Supra.

Transmittal of data upon completion of work.

56 Stat. 1062.
22 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 667 (c).
Initial payment of certain awards.
22 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 669 (b).

22 U. S. C., Supp. IV, §§ 663 (b), 663 (c), 665 (b).
Infra; *post* p. 50.

Additional payment.

56 Stat. 1050.
22 U. S. C., Supp. IV, § 663 (b).
Notice of appraisal.

Acceptance or petition for review.

Post, p. 50.
Award on basis of appraisal.

Failure to discover whereabouts of claimants.

ment of Mexican Claims Act Amendments of 1945, enter an award on the basis of such appraisal."

56 Stat. 1058.
22 U. S. C., Supp.
IV, § 661 (d).
Termination of
authority.

SEC. 5. Section 2 (d) of such Act is amended to read as follows:

"(d) The authority of the Commission under this Act, and the terms of office of its members, shall terminate at the expiration of four years after the date on which a majority of its members first appointed take office, but the President may by Executive order fix an earlier termination date. Upon the termination of the authority of the Commission, all books, records, documents, and other papers in the possession of the Commission shall be deposited with the Department of State."

56 Stat. 1062.
22 U. S. C., Supp.
IV, § 667 (d).
Payments of desig-
nated awards.

SEC. 6. So much of section 8 (d) of such Act as precedes paragraph (2) is amended to read as follows:

"(d) On or after July 1, 1945, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed, to the extent that it may be possible to do so out of the sums covered into the fund pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and after making the deduction provided for in section 10 (b)—

22 U. S. C., Supp.
IV, § 669 (b).

"(1) to make similar payments of not to exceed 40 per centum on account of the principal amount of the awards certified pursuant to section 5 (d) of this Act."

Ante, p. 49.

56 Stat. 1060.
22 U. S. C., Supp.
IV, § 663 (c).
Petition for review.

SEC. 7. Section 4 (c) of such Act is amended to read as follows:

"(c) In any case in which the Commission is so notified in writing that a petition for review will be filed, the Commission shall prescribe a reasonable period, which may be extended in the discretion of the Commission, within which such petition, together with written legal contentions in support thereof, shall be filed. If no petition for review is filed within the period or any extension thereof prescribed by the Commission, it shall enter an award on the basis of the appraisal in such case."

Short title.

SEC. 8. This joint resolution may be cited as the "Settlement of Mexican Claims Act Amendments of 1945".

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[CHAPTER 54]

AN ACT

April 12, 1945
[S. 298]
[Public Law 30]

To continue Commodity Credit Corporation as an agency of the United States, increase its borrowing power, revise the basis of the annual appraisal of its assets, and for other purposes.

Commodity Credit
Corporation, obliga-
tions.
57 Stat. 566.
15 U. S. C., Supp.
IV, § 713a-4.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of the Act approved March 8, 1938 (52 Stat. 108), as amended, is amended by striking out "\$3,000,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$4,750,000,000".

Sale of certain ac-
quired cotton.
7 U. S. C. § 1381 (c).

SEC. 2. The provisions of subsection (c) of section 381 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 67) are suspended until the expiration of the two-year period beginning with the 1st day of January immediately following the date on which the President, by proclamation, or the Congress, by concurrent resolution, declares that hostilities in the present war have terminated. During the period of such suspension the Commodity Credit Corporation shall not sell any farm commodity owned or controlled by it at less than the parity or comparable price therefor, except that the foregoing restriction shall not apply to (1) sales for new or byproduct uses; (2) sales of peanuts for the extraction of oil; (3) sales for export; (4) sales for seed or feed: *Provided*, That no wheat or corn shall be sold for feed at less than parity price for corn at the time such sale is made: *And provided further*, That in making regional adjustments in the sale price of corn or wheat for feed, the minimum price need not be higher in any area.

Parity price restric-
tion on farm commod-
ities.

Exceptions.

Wheat or corn for
feed.