

Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the treaty and title I of this Act.

## TITLE II—PRESIDIO FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

SEC. 201. The Secretary of State, acting through the Commissioner, is hereby authorized to conclude with the appropriate official or officials of the Government of Mexico an agreement for a coordinated plan by the United States and Mexico for international flood control works for protection of lands along the international section of the Rio Grande in the United States and in Mexico in the Presidio-Ojinaga Valley.

U.S.-Mexico  
flood control  
agreement,  
authorization.

SEC. 202. If an agreement is concluded pursuant to section 201 of title II of this Act, the Commissioner is authorized to construct, operate, and maintain flood control works located in the United States having substantially the characteristics described in "Report on the Flood Control Project Rio Grande, Presidio Valley, Texas", prepared by the United States section, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico; and there are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of State for the use of the United States section of the Commission such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of title II of this Act. No part of any appropriation under this section shall be expended for flood control works on any land, site, or easement unless such land, site, or easement has been acquired under the treaty for other purposes or by donation and, in the case of a donation, the title thereto has been approved in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Attorney General of the United States.

Appropriation.

Approved October 25, 1972.

## Public Law 92-550

### AN ACT

October 25, 1972  
[S. 3240]

To amend the Transportation Act of 1940, as amended, to facilitate the payment of transportation charges.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 322 of the Transportation Act of 1940, as amended (49 U.S.C. 66), is hereby further amended as follows:

Transportation  
Payment Act of  
1972.  
54 Stat. 955;  
72 Stat. 861.

(a) By inserting after the section designation the letter "(a)"; by changing the first sentence to read: "Subject to such standards as shall be promulgated jointly by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Comptroller General of the United States, payment for transportation of persons or property for or on behalf of the United States by any carrier or forwarder shall be made upon presentation of bills therefor, prior to audit or settlement by the General Accounting Office, but the right is reserved to the United States Government to deduct the amount of any overcharge by any carrier or forwarder from any amount subsequently found to be due such carrier or forwarder."; deleting the portion of the second sentence preceding the colon and substituting therefor the following: "The term 'overcharges' shall be deemed to mean charges for transportation services in excess of those applicable thereto under tariffs lawfully on file with the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Civil Aeronautics Board, the Federal Maritime Com-

"Overcharges."

mission, and any State transportation regulatory agency, and charges in excess of those applicable thereto under rates, fares, and charges established pursuant to section 22 of the Interstate Commerce Act, as amended, or other equivalent contract, arrangement, or exemption from regulation”.

(b) By adding the following new subsections to the section:

“(b) Pursuant to regulations prescribed by the head of a Government agency or his designee and in conformity with such standards as shall be promulgated jointly by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Comptroller General of the United States, bills for passenger or freight transportation services to be furnished the United States by any carrier or forwarder may be paid in advance of completion of the services, without regard to section 3648 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (31 U.S.C. 529): *Provided*, That such carrier or forwarder has issued the usual ticket, receipt, bill of lading, or equivalent document covering the service involved, subject to later recovery by deduction or otherwise of any payments made for any services not received as ordered by the United States.

“(c) The term ‘head of a Government agency’ means any individual or group of individuals having final decisionmaking responsibility for any department, commission, board, service, Government corporation, instrumentality, or other establishment or body in the United States Government.”

SEC. 2. This Act may be cited as the “Transportation Payment Act of 1972”.

Approved October 25, 1972.

Public Law 92-551

JOINT RESOLUTION

To designate Benjamin Franklin Memorial Hall at the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial.

Whereas the American people feel a deep debt of gratitude to Benjamin Franklin for his outstanding services to this Nation as a statesman and for his achievements as a scientist and inventor;

Whereas the Franklin Institute, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has played a leading role in promoting the development of science and technology in the United States;

Whereas the said Franklin Institute named the Benjamin Franklin Memorial Hall in honor of Benjamin Franklin over thirty years ago;

Whereas the year 1974 is the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the said Franklin Institute;

Whereas the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is a most appropriate location for a national memorial to Benjamin Franklin since Philadelphia was his home for many years;

Whereas Benjamin Franklin Memorial Hall is a fitting memorial to this great American: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That Benjamin Franklin Memorial Hall located in the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is hereby designated as Benjamin Franklin National Memorial.

SEC. 2. The designation made by the first section of this resolution shall become effective upon conclusion of a cooperative agreement satisfactory to the governing body of the Franklin Institute and the Secretary of the Interior.

Approved October 25, 1972.

24 Stat. 387;  
71 Stat. 564.  
49 USC 22.  
Advance  
payment.

“Head of a  
Government  
agency.”

Short title.

October 25, 1972  
[S. J. Res. 221]

Benjamin  
Franklin National  
Memorial.  
Designation.

Effective date.