

restoring a power transmission line and loss of power revenue in Calaveras County, California, near Sunol, which transmission line was damaged by the crashing of a United States Army plane, on February 26, 1941, while the said plane was engaged in making a flight over the area indicated: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, on account of services rendered in connection with such claim. It shall be unlawful for any agent or agents, attorney or attorneys, to exact, collect, withhold, or receive any sum of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof on account of services rendered in connection with such claim, 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 7, 1946.

[CHAPTER 774]

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the recognition of the services of the civilian officials and employees, citizens of the United States, engaged in and about the construction of the Panama Canal", approved May 29, 1944.

August 7, 1946
[H. R. 3748]
[Public Law 619]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the recognition of the services of the civilian officials and employees, citizens of the United States, engaged in and about the construction of the Panama Canal", approved May 29, 1944, be, and the same is, hereby amended, effective May 29, 1944, by adding to the last paragraph of said section 2 the following sentence: "The terms 'citizens of the United States' and 'a citizen of the United States', as used in this Act, shall be so construed as to include those who, through naturalization, became citizens of the United States on or before December 7, 1941."

Panama Canal.
Recognition of civilian services.

58 Stat. 258.
48 U. S. C., Supp.
V, § 1373a.

Approved August 7, 1946.

[CHAPTER 775]

AN ACT

To authorize the Commissioner of Patents to designate examiners to serve temporarily as examiners in chief.

August 7, 1946
[H. R. 4080]
[Public Law 620]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding the provisions of section 476 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 35, sec. 2), the Commissioner of Patents is authorized to designate examiners of the principal examiner grade or higher, having the requisite ability, to serve as examiners in chief and such examiners so designated shall be fully qualified to act as members of the board of appeals constituted by section 482 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 35, sec. 7): *Provided*, That no such examiner shall so serve for more than ninety days in any calendar year but thereafter they shall have authority to act and sign decisions and papers necessary to complete action on cases heard during such ninety days: *And provided further*, That not more than one such examiner shall be among the members of the board of appeals hearing an appeal.

Commissioner of Patents.
Authority to designate examiners.
Ante, p. 445.

Service on board of appeals.

Ante, p. 445.

Effective term.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect on the date of approval and shall expire three years after such date.

Approved August 7, 1946.