

Liability if bank has knowledge of breach of obligation, etc.

Authority to draw on deposits in name of two or more trustees.

Act not retroactive.

Application of general rules of law and equity to cases not provided for hereby.

Uniformity of interpretation with State laws.

Title of Act.

Inconsistent laws repealed.

Effective upon passage.

the personal check of the fiduciary without being liable to the principal, unless the bank receives the deposit or pays the check with actual knowledge that the fiduciary is committing a breach of his obligation as fiduciary in making such deposit or in drawing such check, or with knowledge of such facts that its action in receiving the deposit or paying the check amounts to bad faith.

"SEC. 10. DEPOSIT IN NAMES OF TWO OR MORE TRUSTEES.—When a deposit is made in a bank in the name of two or more persons as trustees and a check is drawn upon the trust account by any trustee or trustees authorized by the other trustee or trustees to draw checks upon the trust account, neither the payee nor other holder nor the bank is bound to inquire whether it is a breach of trust to authorize such trustee or trustees to draw checks upon the trust account, and is not liable unless the circumstances be such that the action of the payee or other holder or the bank amounts to bad faith.

"SEC. 11. ACT NOT RETROACTIVE.—The provisions of this Act shall not apply to transactions taking place prior to the time when it takes effect.

"SEC. 12. CASES NOT PROVIDED FOR IN ACT.—In any case not provided for in this Act the rules of law and equity, including the law merchant and those rules of law and equity relating to trusts, agency, negotiable instruments, and banking, shall continue to apply.

"SEC. 13. UNIFORMITY OF INTERPRETATION.—This Act shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those States which enact it.

"SEC. 14. SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the Uniform Fiduciaries Act.

"SEC. 15. INCONSISTENT LAWS REPEALED.—All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

"SEC. 16. TIME OF TAKING EFFECT.—This Act shall take effect upon the date of its passage."

Approved, May 14, 1928.

May 14, 1928.
[H. R. 9043.]
[Public, No. 381.]

CHAP. 546.—An Act To authorize the payment of an indemnity to the Government of France on account of losses sustained by the owners of the French steamship Madeleine as a result of a collision between it and the United States steamship Kerwood.

France.
Payment authorized to, as indemnity for collision damages to French steamship "Madeleine."

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 be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to the Government of France a sum equivalent to 3,550 pounds sterling 2 shillings 5 pence, in settlement of a claim presented by the Government of France on account of damages sustained by the French steamship Madeleine in a collision with the United States steamship Kerwood, in the harbor of Brest, France, on May 11, 1918, as set forth in the message of the President of December 17, 1927, printed as Senate Document Numbered 24, Seventieth Congress, first session; and there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sufficient sum to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Approved, May 14, 1928.

May 14, 1928.
[H. R. 10643.]
[Public, No. 382.]

CHAP. 547.—An Act Authorizing the Gulf Coast Properties, Inc., its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across Lake Champlain at or near Rouses Point, New York.

Lake Champlain.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and pro-