

D. A proposal providing for equitable payments on awards.

E. A proposal providing for the orderly completion of the Rumanian and Bulgarian programs.

The items covered in the draft proposal will involve little, if any, cost. In any event, the cost of effectuating any of the proposals would be borne by the claims fund concerned and not the United States Government.

The Commission cannot proceed in the orderly administration of the Rumanian and Bulgarian Claims program unless the items pertaining to them are enacted. With respect to the remaining items, these are considered good administrative housekeeping which should not be left at loose ends. Moreover, it is important that this legislation be enacted promptly because the Government of Rumania made its final installment payment of \$500,000 under the terms of the Agreement of March 30, 1960 on July 1, 1964. The Government of Bulgaria has completed making its payments in the amount of \$400,000 pursuant to the terms of the Agreement of July 2, 1963.

For these reasons the Commission urges early and favorable action on the proposed bill.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that the enactment of this proposal would be consistent with the Administration's objectives.

Accompanying the draft bill is a section-by-section analysis of its provisions.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD D. RE, *Chairman.*

[Text of H.R. 9063, 90th Cong., first sess.]

A BILL To amend the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, to provide for the timely determination of certain claims of American nationals, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, is further amended as follows:

(1) Subsection (f) of section 4, title I, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(f) No remuneration on account of services rendered on behalf of any claimant in connection with any claim filed with the Commission under this title shall exceed 10 per centum of the total amount paid pursuant to any award certified under the provisions of this title, on account of such claim. Any agreement to the contrary shall be unlawful and void. Whoever, in the United States or elsewhere, demands or receives, on account of services so rendered, any remuneration in excess of the maximum permitted by this section, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than twelve months, or both."

(2) Subsection (b) of section 7, title I, is amended by inserting "(1)" after the subsection letter, and adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

"(2) The Secretary of the Treasury shall deduct from any amounts covered, subsequent to the date of enactment of this paragraph, into any special fund, created pursuant to section 8, 5 per centum thereof as reimbursement to the Government of the United States for expenses incurred by the Commission and by the Treasury Department in the administration of this title. The amounts so deducted shall be covered into the Treasury to the credit of miscellaneous receipts."

(3) Paragraph (1) of subsection (c), section 7, title I, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(1) If any person to whom any payment is to be made pursuant to this title is deceased or is under a legal disability, payment shall be made to his legal representative, except that if any payment to be made is not over \$1,000 and there is no qualified executor or administrator, payment may be made to the person or persons found by the Comptroller General to be entitled thereto, without the necessity of compliance with the requirements of law with respect to the administration of estates."

(4) Subsection (c) of section 8, title I, is amended by inserting the phrase ", prior to the date of enactment of the amendment of this paragraph," immediately after the word "covered" and before the word "into", and by inserting "(1)" after the words "section 7 (b)" and before the words "of this title."

(5) Section 8, title I, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following subsection:

"(e) The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed out of sums covered, subsequent to the date of enactment of this subsection, into any special fund created pursuant to this section to make payment on account of awards certified by the Commission pursuant to this title with respect to claims included