

(3) of section 303 of the Bulgarian or Rumanian claims fund, as the case may be, until payments on account of awards certified pursuant to paragraph (4) of section 303 with respect to such fund have been authorized in equal proportion to payments previously authorized on existing awards certified pursuant to paragraph (1), (2), and (3) of section 303."

Should read as follows:

"(12) Section 310, title III, is amended by adding at the end of subsection (a) thereof the following paragraph:

"(6) The Secretary of the Treasury shall be authorized, from the new funds coming into the Bulgarian-Rumanian claims fund pursuant to the terms of the claim settlement with Rumania of March 30, 1960 and with Bulgaria of July 2, 1963, to pay the unpaid balance of the awards which were previously certified to the Treasury Department by the Commission pursuant to Paragraph (1), (2) and (3) of section 303 of the Bulgarian or Rumanian claims fund until the above described new funds have been exhausted."

II. A new subparagraph (7) should be added to Section 310, Title III, subsection (a), reading as follows:

"(7) Whatever balance shall remain unsatisfied of the principal and interest previously awarded by the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission on the basis of Public Law 285, and whatever the said Commission, authorized to settle claims by the enactment of Paragraph (4) of section 303 of this title with respect to Rumania and Bulgaria, shall award to new claimants and pursuant to paragraph (4) and section 303, shall be covered out of separate appropriations to be provided by Congress, due to the fact that claimants rights to unpaid balances have been waived by the claims settlement agreements made with Rumania on March 30, 1960, and with Bulgaria on July 2, 1963."

(Mr. D. J. Casarella, in the name of the Bulgarian Claims Committee, presented the following bill to the Committee on Foreign Affairs:)

A BILL To authorize claimants, who received awards by the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission on the basis of Public Law 285—84th Congress against Bulgaria and Rumania, to bring suit against the United States to obtain relief for the unpaid balance waived by the United States-Bulgarian Claims Agreement of July 2, 1963 and the United States-Rumanian Claims Agreement of March 30, 1960.

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any statutes of limitations, lapse of time or any prior decision of any Court of the United States, jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the United States Court of Claims to hear, determine and report to the Congress concerning the claims of the United States nationals against the United States arising out of the claims settlement agreements of Bulgaria dated July 2, 1963 and of Rumania dated March 30, 1960, providing for the discharge or undertaking by the United States not to pursue claims of United States national against Bulgaria and Rumania for the unpaid balance of awards rendered by the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States pursuant to Public Law 285—84th Congress. Proceedings with respect to such claims may be instituted not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act.

Mr. CASARELLA. I would like to read my short supplementary statement.

The State Department, in Mr. MacArthur's letter of September 14, 1966, to Congresswoman Kelly, which letter appears on pages 93 to 97 of the hearings of this subcommittee on S. 1935, states that a basis might exist for claiming reimbursement from the United States if the United States deprived a claimant of a course of action against a foreign government.

It is beyond doubt that courses of action have been eliminated against Bulgaria by the United States-Bulgarian agreement. I have submitted to this subcommittee in my testimony on S. 1935 a letter from the Bulgarian legation in Washington which demonstrates that this is the case. I do not doubt that this is also true as to Rumania. A right to reimbursement is based only on a legal wrong and this Mr. MacArthur's statement in effect admits that such a wrong may have been committed.