

AN ACT TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT OF 1949,
AS AMENDED

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 by adding at the end thereof the following:

TITLE IV

Section 2. Section 304 of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"Since all claims against the Government of Italy, filed with the Commission pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 84-285 and Public Law 85-604, were adjudicated, and the principal of the awards and interest thereon had been fully paid out of the Italian Claims Fund created pursuant to Section 302 of this Act, the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States is authorized, notwithstanding any provisions of Title III of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, limiting the period within which claims may be filed thereunder, including Section 316 of such Act (22 USC. 16410), to receive, consider and adjudicate any claims against the Government of Italy filed by claimants who were citizens at the time when Public Law 84-285 and Public Law 85-604 became effective, as if such claims had been filed within the time and manner provided in the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended. Upon payment of the principal amounts with interest of all awards rendered under the above provision, certified to the Secretary of the Treasury for claimants out of the remaining balances in the Italian Claims Fund, the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission is authorized to receive, consider and adjudicate any further claims under this Section by any natural person who is a citizen of the United States at the time of enactment of this amendment. This Section shall not be construed so as to exclude from eligibility claims wherein (a) the property loss or damages thereon were due to the action of any belligerents in Italy or areas occupied by Italian military forces during World War II; and (b) the claimant had not previously filed a claim. The Commission shall, within sixty days after the effective date of the present amendment, publish within the Federal Register the time when, and the limit of time within which, claims not theretofore filed may be filed under this amendment, which limit shall not exceed six months after such publication. Any claim heretofore partially or fully denied under this Section prior to the effective date of this amendment, shall be reconsidered by the Commission solely to redetermine its validity and amount by reason of this amendment. The Commission shall certify to the Secretary of the Treasury any award issued to such claims for payment out of the remaining balance in the Italian Claims Fund, in accordance with the provisions of Section 310 of this Act, notwithstanding that the period of time prescribed in Section 316 of this Act for the settlement of all claims may have expired."

Mrs. KELLY. Since you approve of the bill as it stands, we understand your position thoroughly.

Thank you very much.

Mr. Seymour Rubin.

**STATEMENT OF SEYMOUR J. RUBIN, ATTORNEY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Mr. RUBIN. Thank you very much, Madam Chairman. I have a brief statement. My summary will be briefer.

My position is identical with that of Mr. Panzer. I represent, as he does, a number of individual claimants to whom awards have been adjudicated. A number of my clients have died, left widows and dependent children behind. The money on the Rumanian claims fund has been sitting in the Treasury of the United States since July 1, 1964. There has been absolutely no reason why it should not have been distributed, absolutely no reason why, in point of fact, legislation should not have been enacted enabling the additional claims to be adjudicated prior to July 1, 1964, so that the distribution could have