

civilization, and the role of the Armed Forces in maintaining a just and lasting peace by providing a powerful deterrent to war. In fulfilling its purposes, the Smithsonian Institution shall collect, preserve, and exhibit military objects of historical interest and significance.

(b) The provisions of this Act in no way rescind Public Law 722, Seventy-ninth Congress, approved August 12, 1946, which established the National Air Museum of the Smithsonian Institution, or any other authority of the Smithsonian Institution.

SEC. 3. (a) The Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution is authorized and directed, with the advice and assistance of the Board, to investigate and survey lands and buildings in and near the District of Columbia suitable for the display of military collections. The Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution shall, after consulting with and seeking the advice of the Commission on Fine Arts, the National Capital Planning Commission, and the General Services Administration, submit recommendations to the Congress with respect to the acquisition of lands and buildings for such purpose.

(b) Buildings acquired pursuant to recommendations made under subsection (a) of this section shall be used to house public exhibits and study collections that are not appropriate for the military exhibits of the Smithsonian Institution on the Mall in the District of Columbia. Facilities shall be provided for the display of large military objects and for the reconstruction, in an appropriate way, on lands acquired pursuant to recommendations made under subsection (a) of this section, of exhibits showing the nature of fortifications, trenches, and other military and naval facilities characteristic of the American colonial period, the War of the Revolution, and subsequent American military and naval operations.

SEC. 4. The heads of executive departments and independent agencies of the Government are authorized to transfer or loan to the Smithsonian Institution for its use without charge therefor military, naval, aeronautical, and space objects, equipment and records for exhibition, historical, or other appropriate purposes.

SEC. 5. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Smithsonian Institution such sums as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act.

Approved August 30, 1961.

Public Law 87-187

AN ACT

To simplify the payment of certain miscellaneous judgments and the payment of certain compromise settlements.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2414 of title 28 of the United States Code is amended to read:

“§ 2414. Payment of judgments and compromise settlements

“Payment of final judgments rendered by a district court against the United States shall be made on settlements by the General Accounting Office. Payment of final judgments rendered by a State or foreign court or tribunal against the United States, or against its agencies or officials upon obligations or liabilities of the United States, shall be made on settlements by the General Accounting Office after certification by the Attorney General that it is in the interest of the United States to pay the same.

60 Stat. 997.
20 USC 77.

Survey of lands
and buildings in
and near D. C.

Loan of mili-
tary, space ob-
jects, etc. by Gov-
ernment agencies.

Appropriation.

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Courts.
Judgments and
compromise set-
tlements.
62 Stat. 974.

"Whenever the Attorney General determines that no appeal shall be taken from a judgment or that no further review will be sought from a decision affirming the same, he shall so certify and the judgment shall be deemed final.

"Except as otherwise provided by law, compromise settlements of claims referred to the Attorney General for defense of imminent litigation or suits against the United States, or against its agencies or officials upon obligations or liabilities of the United States, made by the Attorney General or any person authorized by him, shall be settled and paid in a manner similar to judgments in like causes and appropriations or funds available for the payment of such judgments are hereby made available for the payment of such compromise settlements."

28 USC 2401-
2414.

SEC. 2. The last item in the analysis of chapter 161 of such title is amended to read:

"2414. Payment of judgments and compromise settlements."

SEC. 3. Section 1302 of the Act of July 27, 1956 (70 Stat. 694; 31 U.S.C. 724a), is amended by deleting the words "judgments (not in excess of \$100,000 in any one case) rendered by the district courts and the Court of Claims against the United States which have become final" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "final judgments and compromise settlements (not in excess of \$100,000, or its equivalent in foreign currencies at the time of payment, in any one case) which are payable in accordance with the terms of sections 2414 or 2517 of title 28, United States Code".

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Public Law 87-188

AN ACT

August 30, 1961
[H. R. 7724]

To provide for advances of pay to members of the armed services in cases of emergency evacuation of military dependents from oversea areas and for other purposes.

Armed Forces.
Dependents, ad-
vances of pay.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of October 5, 1949, chapter 600 (63 Stat. 703; 37 U.S.C. 310c), is amended by inserting the following section after section 1:

"SEC. 2. Subject to regulations to be prescribed by the heads of the departments concerned, advances of pay to members of the armed services on duty at a place outside the United States, or such other place as the President may designate, may be made directly to dependents previously designated by the member in the event such dependents are ordered evacuated by competent authority. Advances of pay under this section are not subject to the conditions under which advances of pay are authorized in section 1 of this Act but may be made only if all military dependents are ordered evacuated from the place where the member's dependents are located and the amount of advance pay may not exceed two months' basic pay of the member concerned."

SEC. 2. Section 2 of the Act of October 5, 1949, chapter 600 (63 Stat. 704; 37 U.S.C. 310d), is redesignated as "section 3" and is amended by striking out "section 1" and inserting "sections 1 and 2" in place thereof.

SEC. 3. Section 3 of the Act of October 5, 1949, chapter 600 (63 Stat. 704), is redesignated as "section 4".

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