

(c) The Secretary of the Treasury shall purchase forthwith any bonds issued by the Administrator under this Act and for that purpose is authorized to use as a public debt transaction the proceeds from the sale of any securities issued under the Second Liberty Bond Act, as now or hereafter in force, and the purposes for which securities may be issued under the Second Liberty Bond Act, as now or hereafter in force, are extended to include any purchases of the bonds issued by the Administrator under this Act. The Secretary of the Treasury may, at any time, sell any of the bonds acquired by him under this Act. All redemptions, purchases, and sales by the Secretary of the Treasury of such bonds shall be treated as public debt transactions of the United States.

Bonds, purchase.

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AN ACT

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To amend the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act of 1964, as amended, with respect to the settlement of claims against the United States by members of the uniformed services and civilian officers and employees for damage to, or loss of, personal property incident to their service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) section 3(a)(1) of the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act of 1964, as amended (78 Stat. 767, as amended; 31 U.S.C. 241 (a)(1)), is amended by striking out "\$10,000" and inserting in place thereof "\$15,000", and

Uniformed services.
Claims settlement.

(b) Section 3(b)(1) of the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act of 1964, as amended (78 Stat. 767, as amended; 31 U.S.C. 241 (b)(1)), is amended to read as follows:

"(b) (1) Subject to any policies the President may prescribe to effectuate the purposes of this subsection and under such regulations as the head of an agency, other than a military department, the Secretary of Transportation with respect to the Coast Guard, or the Department of Defense, may prescribe, he or his designee may settle and pay a claim arising after the effective date of this Act against the United States for not more than \$15,000 made by a member of the uniformed services under the jurisdiction of that agency or by a civilian officer or employee of that agency, for damage to, or loss of, personal property incident to his service. If the claim is substantiated and the possession of that property is determined to be reasonable, useful, or proper under the circumstances, the claim may be paid or the property replaced in kind. This subsection does not apply to claims settled before its enactment."

Non-military departments.

SEC. 2. The amendments provided in this Act shall apply to claims based upon losses of personal property which occur after the effective date of this Act.

31 USC 241 note.

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