CHAP. 191.—An Act Making appropriations to supply urgent deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, 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 following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply urgent deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, and for other purposes, namely:

SENATE

CONTINGENT EXPENSES

For expenses of inquiries and investigations ordered by the Senate, including compensation of stenographers to committees at such rate as may be fixed by the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate but not exceeding 25 cents per hundred words, $100,000.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

COURTS

Supreme Court, District of Columbia: For fees of jurors, $16,000, 60 per centum of said sum shall be paid out of the revenues of the District of Columbia and 40 per centum out of the Treasury of the United States.

RENT COMMISSION

Any unexpended balances of appropriations made for the Rent Commission of the District are hereby reappropriated and made available during the life of said commission.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON ELECTRICAL COMMUNICATIONS

To defray the cost of representation of the United States at the meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Electrical Communications to be held in Mexico City, Mexico, in 1924, as authorized by the joint resolution approved April 28, 1924, including payment of salaries of a secretary and other employees, travel and subsistence expenses (notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act), and such other expenses as the President may deem necessary to the accomplishment of the purposes expressed in the aforesaid resolution, to be disbursed under the direction and subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, $30,000, to remain available during the fiscal year 1925.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTS

Investigation and prosecution of war frauds: For the investigation and prosecution of alleged frauds, either civil or criminal, or other crimes or offenses against the United States, growing out of or arising in connection with the preparation for or prosecution of the late war, including the institution and prosecution of suits for the recovery of moneys which contain no element of fraud but arose incident to the investigation of alleged frauds, including
the same objects specified under this head in the Act making appropriations for the Departments of State and Justice and the judiciary for the fiscal year 1924, $200,000, to remain available until June 30, 1925.

UNITED STATES COURTS

Salaries, fees, and expenses, United States marshals: For salaries, fees, and expenses of United States marshals and their deputies, including the same objects specified under this head in the Act making appropriations for the Departments of State and Justice and the judiciary for the fiscal year 1924, $530,000.

Salaries and expenses of United States district attorneys: For salaries and expenses of United States district attorneys, including the same objects specified under this head in the Act making appropriations for the Departments of State and Justice and the judiciary for the fiscal year 1924, $210,000.

Salaries and expenses of clerks, United States courts: For salaries of clerks of United States circuit courts of appeals and of United States district courts, including the same objects specified under this head in the Act making appropriations for the Departments of State and Justice and for the judiciary for the fiscal year 1924, $35,000.

Fees of United States commissioners: For fees of United States commissioners and justices of the peace acting under section 1014, Revised Statutes of the United States, $125,000.

Fees of jurors: For fees of jurors, $250,000.

Fees of witnesses: For fees of witnesses and for payment of the actual expenses of witnesses, as provided by section 850, Revised Statutes of the United States, $200,000.

Miscellaneous expenses, United States courts: For such miscellaneous expenses as may be authorized or approved by the Attorney General, for the United States courts and their officers, including so much as may be necessary in the discretion of the Attorney General for such expenses in the District of Alaska and in courts other than Federal courts, $35,000.

PENAL INSTITUTIONS

Support of United States prisoners: For support of United States prisoners, including the same objects specified under this head in the Act making appropriations for the Departments of State and Justice and the judiciary for the fiscal year 1924, $602,000.

Approved, May 26, 1924.

CHAP. 192.—An Act To confer jurisdiction upon the Court of Claims to ascertain the cost to the Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, and the amounts expended by it from December 1, 1906, to November 30, 1907, in closing and controlling the break in the Colorado River, and to render judgment therefor, as herein provided.

Whereas at the request of President Roosevelt, and under the stress of great emergency, from December 1, 1906, to November 30, 1907, the Southern Pacific Company closed and controlled the break in the Colorado River and thereby prevented the overflow and destruction of one million two hundred and fourteen thousand acres of irrigable land in the Imperial Valley in southern California, and saved to the Government the Laguna Dam and the Yuma reclamation project connected therewith in Arizona, as well as thousands of acres of other Government land along the Colorado River: Therefore

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the claim of