thereof. Nothing contained in this section shall be deemed to alter, amend, or repeal section 907 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., title 28, sec. 689).

Sec. 7. (a) The consular fees prescribed under section 1745 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (U. S. C., title 22, sec. 127), for official services in connection with the taking of testimony under this Act, and the fees of any witness whose testimony is taken shall be paid by the party who applied for the commission pursuant to which such testimony was taken. Every witness under this Act shall be entitled to receive, for each day's attendance, fees prescribed under section 8 of this Act. Every foreign counsel selected pursuant to a commission issued on application of the United States, and every interpreter whose services are required by a consular officer under the provisions of this Act, shall be paid by the United States, such compensation, together with such personal and incidental expense upon verified statements filed with the consular officer, as he may allow. Compensation and expenses of foreign counsel selected pursuant to a commission issued on application of any party other than the United States shall be paid by the party whom such counsel represents and shall be allowed in the same manner.

(b) Whenever any party makes affidavit, prior to the issuance of a commission for the purpose of taking testimony, that he is not possessed of sufficient means and is actually unable to pay any fees and costs incurred under this section, such fees and costs shall, upon order of the court, be paid in the same manner as fees and costs are paid which are chargeable to the United States.

(c) Any appropriation available for the payment of fees and costs in the case of witnesses subpoenaed in behalf of the United States in criminal cases shall be available for any fees or costs which the United States is required to pay under this section.

Sec. 8. The President is authorized to prescribe regulations governing the manner of executing and returning commissions by consular officers under the provisions of this Act and schedules of fees allowable to witnesses, foreign counsel, and interpreters under section 7 of this Act.

Sec. 9. This Act shall be prospective only, and not retroactive.

Approved, June 20, 1936.

[CHAPTER 641.]

AN ACT

To authorize a preliminary examination of the Kennebec River, Maine, and its tributaries, with a view to the control of their floods.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to cause a preliminary examination to be made of the Kennebec River and its tributaries in the State of Maine, with a view to the control of their floods, in accordance with the provisions of section 3 of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for control of the floods of the Mississippi River and of the Sacramento River, California, and for other purposes", approved March 1, 1917, the cost thereof to be paid from appropriations heretofore or hereafter made for examinations, surveys, and contingencies of rivers and harbors.

Approved, June 20, 1936.