

Public Law 53

CHAPTER 115

June 1, 1955
[S. 734]

AN ACT

To amend title 18, United States Code, section 871, to provide penalties for threats against the President-elect and the Vice President.

62 Stat. 740.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title 18, United States Code, section 871 is amended to read as follows:

“§ 871. Threats against President, President-elect, and Vice President

“Whoever knowingly and willfully deposits for conveyance in the mail or for delivery from any post office or by any letter carrier any letter, paper, writing, print, missive, or document containing any threat to take the life of or to inflict bodily harm upon the President of the United States, the President-elect, or the Vice President of the United States, or knowingly and willfully otherwise makes any such threat against the President, President-elect, or Vice President, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.”

62 Stat. 740.

SEC. 2. The analysis of chapter 41 of title 18, United States Code, immediately preceding section 871 of such title is amended by deleting

“871. Threats against President.”

and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“871. Threats against President, President-elect, and Vice President.”

Approved June 1, 1955.

Public Law 54

CHAPTER 116

June 1, 1955
[S. 1133]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to pay indemnity for losses and expenses incurred during July 1954 in the destruction, treatment, or processing, under authority of law, of swine, swine carcasses, and products derived from swine carcasses, infected with vesicular exanthema.

Agriculture.
Payment for
losses from swine
diseases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to indemnify in an amount equal to 50 per centum, but not exceeding the indemnity paid by the State in which such losses and expenses were incurred, of the losses and expenses incurred by all persons whose swine, swine carcasses, and products derived from swine carcasses were destroyed, treated, or processed, under authority of law, in July 1954, as a result of having been infected with or exposed to the contagious disease known as vesicular exanthema.

SEC. 2. The payment of indemnities under the provisions of this Act shall be limited, in the absence of Federal appraisal, to those losses and expenses where required proof of such losses and expenses has been made to the State in which such losses and expenses were incurred and 50 per centum of such loss and expense has been paid by such State.

SEC. 3. Payments made pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall be made from funds currently available to the Department of Agriculture.

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