

Commission shall then summarily exercise its discretion and determine whether such attorney in fact shall be substituted to represent said alien dependent or if the said consular officer or his representative shall continue therein. Such person so appointed may institute and carry on proceedings to settle all claims for compensation and to receive for distribution to such alien dependent or dependents all compensation arising hereunder. The settlement and distribution of said funds shall be made only on order of the commission. Such person so appointed shall furnish a good and sufficient bond, satisfactory to the commission, conditioned upon the proper application of the moneys received by him. Before such bond is discharged, such person so appointed shall file with the commission a verified account of the items of his receipts and disbursements of such compensation.

Such person so appointed shall, before receiving the first payment of such compensation and thereafter when so ordered so to do by the commission, furnish to the commission a sworn statement containing a list of the dependents, with the name, age, residence, extent of dependency, and relationship to the deceased of each dependent. *In any proceedings heretofore taken to recover compensation for any alien dependent where the same have been instituted and carried on for a period of at least five years in the name of a person as petitioner, designated by power of attorney from the alien dependent, the right of such designated petitioner to conclude said proceedings or final settlement and to fully bind all parties thereby, is hereby legalized in all respects."*

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CHAPTER 417—S. F. No. 1413

An act authorizing the conservator of rural credit to enter into compositions on contracts for deed heretofore or hereafter entered into with purchasers of land from the State of Minnesota, Department of Rural Credit.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Section 1. **Conservator of Rural Credits may compromise indebtedness.**—Whenever the Conservator of Rural Credit is of the opinion that it is for the best interest of the State to compromise with the vendee named therein or his heirs, the indebtedness on a Contract for Deed, by a satisfactory cash set-

tlement, which said Contract for Deed has heretofore been issued by the State of Minnesota, or which may hereafter be issued, he may present a verified petition to make composition on the contract indebtedness, to a Judge of the District Court of Ramsey County setting forth the facts, and said judge, if satisfied that it is for the best interest of the State, may hear such petition, either with or without notice, and make his order granting such petition, and authorizing the Conservator of Rural Credit to compromise said indebtedness as requested in said petition. Said petition shall be verified by the Conservator of Rural Credit and shall contain a complete recital of all the material facts. The court may request the contract purchaser to be present when said matter is being considered.

Sec. 2. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 418—S. F. No. 1421

An act creating an interim commission composed of House and Senate members and the Commissioner of Conservation; Authorizing and directing such commission to make a study and investigation in respect to forest fire protection, management of state timber, afforestation and reforestation, establishment and maintenance of woodlots, windbreaks and shelterbelts throughout the state, tax remissions as an inducement for forest practices, that state appropriations needed in carrying out a long-time comprehensive forestry program and related matter pertaining to the development of an adequate state wide program; requiring such commission to make a report thereon with its recommendations to the Legislature at its next regular session; and appropriating money to defray expenses incurred pursuant to this act.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Section 1. Interim commission on forest fire protection.— There is hereby created an interim commission which shall consist of three members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker thereof, three members of the senate appointed by the president thereof, and the commissioner of conservation, all of whom shall be members of such commission until its report hereinafter mentioned shall have been made to and received by the legislature at the next regular