
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 15, 1907.

Mr. GARNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

For the relief of certain persons who sustained injuries in person and property at Brownsville, Texas, on August thirteenth, nineteen hundred and six.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the Court of Claims be, and it is hereby, given juris-
4 diction to hear and adjudicate the claims of those persons who
5 sustained injuries in person or property through unlawful acts
6 of persons in the military service of the United States at
7 Brownsville, Texas, on the night of August thirteenth, nine-
8 teen hundred and six.

9 SEC. 2. That said court shall, upon petition duly presented
10 to it within six months after the passage of this Act, hear and
11 determine said claims in accordance with the practice and
12 procedure of said court, and shall render judgment for such
13 damages, if any they find, inflicted by unlawful acts of per-

1 sons in the military service of the United States: *Provided,*
2 That in any such case where the claim for damages is based
3 upon the unlawful killing of any person or persons, said peti-
4 tion shall be filed by and in the name of the personal repre-
5 sentative of said decedent, and judgment shall be entered in
6 the name of said personal representative, but the amount
7 thereof shall not be appropriated to the payment of the debts
8 or liabilities of such deceased person, but shall inure to the
9 benefit of his next of kin, to be distributed according to the
10 provisions of the law of distribution of the State of Texas.

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2^D SESSION. } **H. R. 24329.**

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