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\$750,000 Voted by Senate For Family of LSD Victim

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 (UPI)—The Senate gave final Congressional approval today to legislation awarding \$750,000 to the widow and family of a Government scientist who committed suicide in 1953 after unknowingly taking LSD in a Central Intelligence Agency experiment.

The bill granting relief to Mrs. Alice Olson, widow of Dr. Frank Olson, and the couple's three children was passed without objection and sent to the White House.

Dr. Olson, a civilian biochemist who worked for the Army at Fort Detrick, Md., died 23 years ago after he was given LSD without his knowledge in a C.I.A. experiment to test chemical and biological agents. Dr. Olson and four other scientists were served after-dinner drinks laced with LSD, never knowing what they were taking.

One week later, Dr. Olson plunged to his death through a 10th floor window of a New York City hotel room. He had gone to New York to see a psychiatrist.

Mrs. Olson and her four children did not find out the circumstances of his death until June 1975, when the Rockefeller Commission reviewing C.A. activities released its final report. The death was mentioned in a footnote in the report, and the family ultimately pieced together the story.

The Senate originally passed a bill awarding a \$1.25 million settlement to the Olson family but agreed to the lower House award.