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HERBERT HOOVER, President; CHARLES CURTIS, Vice President; GEORGE H. MOSES, President of the Senate *pro tempore*; SIMEON D. FESS, Acting President of the Senate *pro tempore*, February 28, 1933; JOHN N. GARNER, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### [CHAPTER 1.]

#### JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the payment of salaries of the officers and employees of Congress for December, 1932, on the 20th day of that month.

December 13, 1932.  
[H. J. Res. 503.]  
[Pub. Res., No. 44.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives are authorized and directed to pay to the officers and employees of the Senate and House of Representatives, including the Capitol police, the office of legislative counsel, and employees paid on vouchers under authority of resolutions, their respective salaries for the month of December, 1932, on the 20th day of that month.

Congressional employees, etc., salaries for December, 1932.

Approved, December 13, 1932.

### [CHAPTER 4.]

#### AN ACT

To authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to readjust and close streets, roads, highways, or alleys in the District of Columbia rendered useless or unnecessary, and for other purposes.

December 15, 1932.  
[S. 3532.]  
[Public, No. 307.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized to close any street, road, highway, or alley, or any part of any street, road, highway, or alley, in the District of Columbia when, in the judgment of said commissioners, such street, road, highway, or alley, or such part of a street, road, highway, or alley, has been rendered useless or unnecessary, the title to the land embraced within the public space so closed to revert to the owners of the abutting property subject to such compensation therefor in money, land, or structures as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, in their judgment, may find just and equitable, in view of all the circumstances of the case affecting near-by property of abutters and/or nonabutters: *Provided,* That if the title to such land be in the United States the property shall not revert to the owners of the abutting property but may be disposed of by the said commissioners to the best advantage of the locality and the properties therein and thereby affected, which properties thenceforth shall become assessable on the books of the tax assessor of the District of

District of Columbia Street Readjustment Act.

Commissioners authorized to close unnecessary streets, etc.

Title to abutting owners on payment.

*Provided,* Disposal, if United States property.

Subject to assessment.

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Expediency, etc.

Reference to Plan-  
ning Commission.

Hearings.

Notice.

Map of proposed  
closing.

Plats to be prepared.

proviso.  
Conditional approv-  
al, etc., to be included.

Columbia in all respects as other private property in the District; or also said property be sold as provided in section 1608-a of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia, unless the use of such land is requested by some other department, bureau, or commission of the Government of the United States for purposes not otherwise inconsistent with the proper development of the District of Columbia: *Provided further*, That the said closing by said commissioners is made expedient or advisable by reason of change in the highway plan or by reason of provision for access or better access to the abutting or near-by property and the convenience of the public by other street, road, highway, or alley facilities, or by reason of the acquisition by the District of Columbia or by the United States of America for school, park, playground, or other public purposes, of all the property abutting on the street, road, highway, or alley, or part of a street, road, highway, or alley, proposed to be closed or for other public reasons: *And provided further*, That the proposed closing of any street, road, highway, or alley, or any parts thereof, as provided for in this Act, shall be referred to the National Capital Park and Planning Commission for its recommendation.

SEC. 2. That whenever a street, road, highway, or alley, or a part of a street, road, highway, or alley, is proposed to be closed under the provisions of this Act, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall cause public notice of intention to be given by advertisement for not less than fourteen consecutive days, exclusive of Sundays and holidays, in a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the District of Columbia, to the effect that a public hearing will be held at a time and place stated in the notice for the hearing of objections, if any, to such closing. The said commissioners shall, not later than fourteen days in advance of such hearing, serve notice of such hearing, in writing, by registered mail, on each owner of property abutting the street, road, highway, or alley, or part thereof, proposed to be closed, or if the owner can not be located the advertisement provided for above shall be deemed sufficient legal notice. At such hearing a map showing the proposed closing shall be exhibited, and the property owners or their representatives, and any other persons interested, shall be given an opportunity to be heard.

SEC. 3. After such public hearing the said commissioners, if they are satisfied that the proposed closing will be in the public interest, and that such closing will not be detrimental to the rights of the owners of the property abutting on the street, road, highway, or alley, or part of a street, road, highway, or alley, proposed to be closed, nor cause unreasonable inconvenience to or adverse effect upon the owner or owners of any property abutting on streets connected therewith, nor unreasonably infringe the rights of the public to use such street, road, highway, or alley, shall cause to be prepared a plat or plats showing the street, road, highway, or alley, or part thereof, proposed to be closed and the area to be apportioned to each owner of property abutting thereon: *Provided*, That if the approval of the proposed closing by the said commissioners shall be conditioned upon the dedication of any other areas for street, highway, or alley purposes, and/or the retention by the District of Columbia of specified rights of way for any public purpose, and/or any other reservations deemed expedient or advisable by said commissioners, such plat or plats shall also show the parcels of land so dedicated, and/or the reserved rights of way, and/or such additional area affected by said closing, with alternative openings occasioned thereby, and/or by certificate thereon any such reservations deemed expedient or advisable by the said Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

SEC. 4. If, after such hearing, the commissioners are of the opinion that any street, road, highway, or alley, or part thereof, should be closed, they shall prepare an order closing the same and shall cause public notice of such order to be given by advertisement for fourteen consecutive days, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, in at least two daily newspapers of general circulation printed and published in the District of Columbia, and shall serve a copy of such order on each property owner abutting the street, road, highway, or alley, or part thereof, proposed to be closed by such order, and copy of such order shall be served on the owners in person or by registered mail delivered at the last known residence of such owners, or if the owner can not be located the advertisement provided for above shall be deemed sufficient legal notice; or if he be a nonresident of the District of Columbia, by sending a copy thereof by registered mail to his last known place of address: *Provided*, That if no objection in writing be made to the commissioners by any party interested within thirty days after the service of such order, then the said order shall immediately become effective; and the said order and plat or plats as provided for herein shall be ordered by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia recorded in the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia.

Closing proceedings.

Notice of order.

Service.

*Proviso.*  
Effective if no objection received in 30 days.

SEC. 5. When any such objection shall be filed with the commissioners as provided in the foregoing section, then the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall institute a proceeding in rem in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia for the closing of such street, road, highway, or alley, or part thereof, and its abandonment for street, highway, or alley purposes, and for the ascertainment of damages and the assessment of benefits resulting from such closing and abandonment. Such proceeding shall be conducted in like manner as proceedings for the condemnation of land for streets, under the provisions of chapter 15, subchapter 1, of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia, and such closing and abandonment shall be effective when the damages and benefits shall have been so ascertained and the verdict confirmed.

Proceedings, if objection.

Nature of.

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SEC. 6. Any damages awarded in any proceedings under section 5 of this Act, together with the costs of the proceedings, shall be payable from the indefinite annual appropriation for opening, extending, straightening, or widening of any street, avenue, road, or highway, in accordance with the plan of the permanent system of highways of the District of Columbia. Any benefits assessed against private property in any such proceedings shall be a lien upon such property and shall be collected in like manner as provided in section 491-j of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia.

Damage awards payable from permanent appropriation.

Collection of benefit assessments.

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SEC. 7. In any proceedings under section 5 or section 6 of this Act it shall be optional with the commissioners either to abide by the verdict and proceed with the proposed closing, or within a reasonable time to be fixed by the court in its order confirming the verdict, to abandon the proposed closing without being liable for damages therefor.

Discretionary powers of commissioners.

SEC. 8. Nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to prevent the filing of petitions by abutting property owners, or other persons or groups of persons affected by said closing, praying the closing or discontinuance in the public interest of any street, road, highway, or alley, or parts or portions thereof within the District of Columbia; and all such petitions shall be definitely considered by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and all action taken by the said commissioners thereon shall be in conformity and compliance with the provisions of this Act.

Filing petition by property owners, etc., for closing, etc., not denied.

Applicability of present laws.

SEC. 9. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to repeal the provisions of any existing law authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to close streets, roads, highways, or alleys, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, but all such laws shall remain in full force and effect; and in any case to which more than one of these laws is applicable, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may elect the one under which they will proceed.

Citation of Act.

SEC. 10. In all cases where necessary to refer to this Act, the same may be cited as "The Street Readjustment Act of the District of Columbia."

Approved, December 15, 1932.

[CHAPTER 5.]

AN ACT

To amend the District of Columbia Traffic Acts, as amended.

December 19, 1932.  
[S. 4123.]  
[Public, No. 308.]

District of Columbia Traffic Act, amendment.  
Congressional automobile tags.  
Privileges of, extended.  
Vol. 46, p. 1425, amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proviso of paragraph (c), section 6, of the District of Columbia Traffic Acts, as amended by the Act approved February 27, 1931, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows: "*Provided*, That hereafter congressional tags shall be issued by the commissioners under consecutive numbers, one to each Senator and Representative in Congress, to the elective officers and disbursing clerks of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives, the attending physician of the Capitol, and the assistant secretaries (one for the majority and one for the minority of the Senate), for their official use, which, when used by them individually while on official business, shall authorize them to park their automobiles in any available curb space in the District of Columbia, except within fire plug, fire house, loading station, and loading platform limitations, and such congressional tags shall not be assigned to or used by others."

Approved, December 19, 1932.

[CHAPTER 6.]

AN ACT

Providing for the closing of barber shops one day in every seven in the District of Columbia.

December 19, 1932.  
[S. 4023.]  
[Public, No. 309.]

District of Columbia, barber shops.  
Preamble.

Whereas in the District of Columbia persons engaged in the occupation of barbering are required to work seven days a week in order to meet competition and conform to custom; and

Whereas the health of such persons is endangered and often impaired by the working conditions peculiar to their occupation; and

Whereas the protection of the health of such persons will tend to protect the health of the general public by guarding against the spread of infectious disease: Therefore

Closing of, one day in seven, required.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter in the District of Columbia it shall be unlawful for a person to maintain seven days consecutively any establishment wherein the occupation or trade of barbering or hair dressing (including the cutting or singeing of hair, shaving, shampooing, massaging, or manicuring) is