

## [CHAPTER 486]

## AN ACT

To extend the time within which legislative employees may come within the purview of the Civil Service Retirement Act.

August 19, 1949  
[S. 1977]

[Public Law 254]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 3 (a) of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

Civil Service Retirement Act, amendment.  
46 Stat. 470.  
5 U. S. C., Supp. II,  
§ 693 (a).  
Post, p. 884.

“Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, any officer or employee in the legislative branch of the Government within the classes of officers or employees which were made eligible for the benefits of this Act by the Act of July 13, 1937, serving in such position on the effective date of this paragraph, may give notice of his desire to come within the purview of this Act at any time prior to January 30, 1950.”

Approved August 19, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 487]

## AN ACT

To authorize an appropriation in aid of a system of drainage and sanitation for the city of Polson, Montana.

August 19, 1949  
[H. R. 2869]

[Public Law 255]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the repair and rehabilitation or replacement of the drainage structures of a system of drainage for lands within and adjacent to the city of Polson, Montana, on the Flathead Indian Reservation, in sections 3, 4, 8, 9, and 10, township 22 north, range 20 west, Montana principal meridian: *Provided,* That the said city or the residents in the affected area form a drainage-sanitation district and levy an assessment to provide additional funds to convert the drainage lines into a dual purpose system for drainage and sewer disposal purposes and agree to take title to the system and operate and maintain it in perpetuity.

Polson, Mont.  
Appropriation authorized for drainage system.

Additional funds.

Sec. 2. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as an admission of liability on the part of the United States for damages that may be claimed by any property owner as resulting from seepage in the affected area, and the drainage-sanitation district formed pursuant to section 1 hereof shall specifically agree to hold the United States harmless against any and all damage claims that may be asserted by property owners of the area.

Nonliability of U. S.

Approved August 19, 1949.

## [CHAPTER 488]

## AN ACT

To provide funds for cooperation with the school board of Klamath County, Oregon, for the construction, extension, and improvement of public-school facilities in Klamath County, Oregon, to be available to all Indian and non-Indian children without discrimination.

August 19, 1949  
[H. R. 4510]

[Public Law 256]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is authorized to be appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$150,000 for expenditure under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior for the purpose of cooperating with the school board of Klamath County, Oregon, in the construction, extension, and improvement of public-school facilities in Klamath

Klamath County, Oregon.  
Appropriation authorized for public-school facilities.  
Post, p. 875.

Plans and specifications.

Monthly payment.

Recoupment by U. S.

County, to be available to all Indian and non-Indian children without discrimination: *Provided*, That architectural plans and specifications therefor shall be furnished by the local officials without cost to the Federal Government and subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or his duly authorized representative: *And provided further*, That payment for work in place should be made monthly by the Secretary of the Interior or his duly authorized representative through the Division of Disbursement, Treasury Department, on properly certified vouchers.

SEC. 2. Any amount expended hereunder shall be recouped by the United States within a period of thirty years commencing with the date of occupancy of the building through reducing the annual Federal payments for the education of Indian pupils enrolled in public, elementary, or high schools of the county or by the acceptance of Indian pupils in said schools without cost to the United States; and in computing the amount of recoupment, interest at 3 per centum per annum shall be included on unrecouped balances.

Approved August 19, 1949.

[CHAPTER 492]

AN ACT

August 22, 1949  
[H. R. 1516]

[Public Law 257]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to reclassify the salaries of postmasters, officers, and employees of the Postal Service; to establish uniform procedures for computing compensation; and for other purposes", approved July 6, 1945, so as to provide annual automatic within-grade promotions for hourly employees of the custodial service.

Postal Service.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That subsection (j) of section 14 of the Act entitled "An Act to reclassify the salaries of postmasters, officers, and employees of the Postal Service; to establish uniform procedures for computing compensation; and for other purposes", approved July 6, 1945, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

59 Stat. 449.  
39 U. S. C. § 864 (j).

Compensation of charmen and charwomen.

"(j) Charmen and charwomen working part time shall be divided into four grades with hourly rates of compensation as follows:

"Grade 1.....	\$1.10 per hour	Grade 3.....	\$1.20 per hour
Grade 2.....	1.15 per hour	Grade 4.....	1.25 per hour

and shall be promoted successively at the beginning of the quarter following one year's satisfactory service in each grade to the next higher grade until they reach the fourth grade."

Effective date.

SEC. 2. This Act shall become effective July 1, 1949.

Approved August 22, 1949.

[CHAPTER 493]

AN ACT

August 22, 1949  
[H. R. 2634]

[Public Law 258]

To provide transportation on Canadian vessels between Skagway, Alaska, and other points in Alaska, between Haines, Alaska, and other points in Alaska, and between Hyder, Alaska, and other points in Alaska or the continental United States, either directly or via a foreign port, or for any part of the transportation.

Alaska.  
Transportation on Canadian vessels.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That, until June 30, 1950, notwithstanding the provisions of law of the United States restricting to vessels of the United States the transportation of passengers and merchandise directly or indirectly from any port in the United States to another port of the United States, passengers may be trans-