

[CHAPTER 779]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend the Act of June 30, 1949, which increased the compensation of certain employees of the District of Columbia, so as to clarify the provisions relating to retired policemen and firemen.

October 28, 1949
[H. J. Res. 302]
[Public Law 426]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to increase the compensation of certain employees of the municipal government of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved June 30, 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows: "No additional compensation shall be payable by reason of the enactment of this Act for any period prior to June 30, 1949, in the case of any person who was not an employee in or under the municipal government of the District of Columbia on June 30, 1949, except that (1) such additional compensation shall be paid to a retired employee for services rendered between the first day of the first pay period which began after June 30, 1948, and the date of his retirement, and (2) a retired officer or member of the Metropolitan Police, the United States Park Police, the White House Police, or the Fire Department of the District of Columbia who is entitled to retirement compensation from the policemen and firemen's relief fund shall be entitled, without application therefor, as of July 1, 1948, or the day on which he became entitled to such compensation, whichever is later, to the pension benefit resulting from the increase in pay made by the first section."

D. C. policemen and firemen.

Ante, p. 377.

Restriction.

Ante, p. 376.

Approved October 28, 1949.

[CHAPTER 780]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the sale of certain shipyard facilities at Orange, Texas.

October 28, 1949
[H. J. Res. 373]
[Public Law 427]

Whereas the General Services Administration now holds for disposition certain shipyard facilities at Orange, Texas, declared surplus by the Navy Department; which facilities were constructed during the war on land belonging to the Consolidated Steel Corporation at a total cost of \$8,235,000; which facilities were operated during the war by Consolidated Steel Corporation in the construction of naval vessels; which facilities were closed down at the end of the war and have since remained idle; and

Whereas Consolidated Western Steel Corporation, successor to the Consolidated Steel Corporation, is now the owner of the lands upon which said facilities are located and has the right, under the contract with the Government under which said facilities were constructed, to require their removal upon sixty days' notice; and

Whereas it is vital to the national defense that the facilities be maintained and to the extent practicable operated and kept in good condition; and

Whereas Consolidated Western Steel Corporation in a written offer dated May 18, 1949, submitted to War Assets Administration its offer to purchase the Government-owned facilities for a cash price of \$1,001,000; and

Whereas the Munitions Board in connection with said proposed sale has imposed a "national security clause" on the facility, under the terms of which the facility will be maintained for the purposes of national defense by the proposed purchaser for a period of five years without cost to the Government; and

Whereas if the proposed sale is not consummated the facility will have to be scrapped at a possible loss to the Government in excess of \$500,000 and in addition will destroy the facility so vitally needed for national defense; and

Whereas the proposed sale will result in the employment in excess of one thousand workers in the operation thereof by the proposed purchaser; and

Whereas the War Assets Administration has strongly recommended a consummation of such sale to the Consolidated Western Steel Corporation; and

Whereas under the provision of section 207 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, the Attorney General is required to give an opinion as to whether or not, so far as he can determine, the disposition of property would tend to create a situation in violation of the antitrust laws; and

Whereas said provision may have the effect of preventing the consummation of said proposed sale; and

Whereas it is in the public interest and in the interest of the national security and the national economy that said sale be consummated; and

Whereas every effort has already been made to dispose of the facilities in place without success, and it will therefore be necessary to certify such facilities as undisposable in place pursuant to Public Law Numbered 883, Eightieth Congress, unless the proposed sale is consummated: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Administrator of General Services is hereby authorized and directed to consummate, on behalf of the United States, the sale of said facilities to the Consolidated Western Steel Corporation in accordance with its offer of May 18, 1949, and in accordance with the national security clause imposed with respect to said facilities by the Munitions Board.

Approved October 28, 1949.

[CHAPTER 781]

AN ACT

To provide additional compensation and other benefits for postmasters, officers, and employees in the postal field service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) in the case of employees (except employees paid on an hourly basis) for whom additional grades for faithful and meritorious service are not provided in the Act of July 6, 1945, as amended (Public Law 134, Seventy-ninth Congress), there are hereby established three additional grades. Each such employee promoted to each such additional grade shall receive an increase in compensation of \$100 per annum. Each such employee shall be promoted (1) to the first such additional grade after three years of faithful and meritorious service in the highest automatic grade, (2) to the second such additional grade after five years of such service in the first additional grade, and (3) to the third such additional grade after seven years of such service in the second additional grade. No such employee shall be promoted to the first such additional grade unless he has rendered not less than thirteen years of service in the postal field service.

(b) In the case of employees for whom only two additional grades for faithful and meritorious service are provided in such Act of July 6,

Ante, p. 391.

62 Stat. 1225.
50 U. S. C., Supp.
II, §§ 451-462.

Orange, Tex.
Sale of shipyard
facilities.

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[Public Law 428]

Postal officers and
employees.
Additional grades
and compensation.

59 Stat. 435.
39 U. S. C. §§ 56,
851-876; Supp. II,
§ 853 *et seq.*
Ante, pp. 622, 690,
902; *post*, p. 984.