

In condemnation proceedings, Commissioners to mail notice of benefits assessed on property not taken, when owner not notified of proceedings by jury.

Vol. 34, p. 151.

Notice by court in newspapers.

Sufficiency of notices.

Option by Commissioners not nullified.

Vol. 44, p. 675.

District of Columbia in accordance with the provisions of subchapter 1 of chapter 15, or in accordance with the provisions of chapter 55 of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia, the jury of condemnation shall assess benefits against any land or parcel of land no part of which was taken by the condemnation proceedings, and the owner of the land or parcel of land so assessed for benefits was not served with notice of the condemnation proceedings, notice of such assessment for benefits shall be given by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia by registered letter, mailed to the last known address of the person listed on the records of the assessor of the District of Columbia as the owner of the land or parcel of land so assessed, and, in addition thereto, the court shall give public notice of the land or parcels of land assessed for benefits, no part of which was taken by the condemnation proceedings, by advertisement once in each of three daily newspapers published in the District of Columbia showing the amount assessed against each such piece or parcel of land and stating the time within which interested parties may file with the court any objections or exceptions they may have to the verdict. The mailing by registered letter and the notice by publication herein provided for shall be sufficient notice to the owner of any land or parcel of land assessed for benefits as aforesaid. Nothing herein contained shall be considered to abrogate or nullify the option conferred upon the Commissioners of the District of Columbia by the Act of Congress approved May 28, 1926, entitled "An Act to provide for the condemnation of land for the opening, extension, widening, or straightening of streets, avenues, roads, or highways in accordance with the plan of the permanent system of highways for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes."

Approved, May 29, 1928.

May 29, 1928.  
[S. 2370.]

[Public, No. 574.]

**CHAP. 864.**—An Act To amend section 24 of the Immigration Act of 1917.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 24 of the Immigration Act of 1917 is hereby amended by adding the following at the end of the section:

"Immigrant inspectors shall be divided into five grades, as follows: Grade 1, salary \$2,100; grade 2, salary \$2,300; grade 3, salary \$2,500; grade 4, salary \$2,700; grade 5, salary \$3,000; and, hereafter, inspectors shall be promoted successively to grades 2 and 3 at the beginning of the next quarter following one year's satisfactory service (determined by a standard of efficiency which is to be defined by the Commissioner General of Immigration, with the approval of the Secretary of Labor) in the next lower grade; not to exceed 50 per centum of the force to grades 4 and 5 for meritorious service after no less than one year's service in grades 3 and 4, respectively: *Provided further,* That promotion above grade 3 shall be at the discretion of the Secretary of Labor, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner General of Immigration: *Provided further,* That when inspectors or other employees of the Immigration Service are ordered to perform duty in a foreign country, or transferred from one station to another, in a foreign country, they shall be allowed their traveling expenses in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary of Labor may deem advisable, and they may also be allowed, within the discretion and under written orders of the Secretary of Labor, the expenses incurred for the transfer of their wives and dependent minor children; their household effects and other personal property, not exceeding in all five thousand pounds, including the expenses for packing, crating, freight, and drayage thereof:

Immigration Act of 1917.

Vol. 39, p. 893, amended.

Immigration inspectors.

Grades and salaries of, established.

Promotions.

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Above grade 3.

Traveling expenses on change of station, etc., allowed.

Transfer of families, household effects, etc.

Provided further, That the appropriation of such sum as may be necessary for the enforcement of this Act is hereby authorized."

Sum authorized.  
Post, p. 1647.

Approved, May 29, 1928.

**CHAP. 865.**—An Act To adjust the compensation of certain employees in the customs service.

May 29, 1928.  
[H. R. 13143.]  
[Public, No. 575.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following annual rates of compensation are hereby established for the employees in the customs service hereinafter specified:

Customs service.  
Salaries established for specified employees.

- (a) Laborers, \$1,500.
- (b) Verifiers, openers, and packers, \$1,680, \$1,740, \$1,800, \$1,860, \$1,920, \$1,980, and \$2,040.
- (c) Clerks, entrance salary, \$1,700; clerks having one year's satisfactory service, \$1,800; clerks having two years' satisfactory service, \$1,900; clerks having three years' satisfactory service, \$2,000; clerks having four years' satisfactory service, \$2,100; thereafter promotion of clerks to higher rates of compensation shall be in accordance with existing law.
- (d) Customs guards, \$1,860, \$1,920, \$1,980, \$2,040, \$2,100, \$2,200, \$2,300, and \$2,400.
- (e) Inspectors, \$2,100, \$2,200, \$2,300, \$2,400, \$2,500, \$2,600, \$2,700, \$2,800, \$2,900, \$3,000, \$3,100, \$3,200, and \$3,300.
- (f) Station inspectors, \$3,000, \$3,100, \$3,200, \$3,300, \$3,400, \$3,500, and \$3,600.

Rates.

SEC. 2. All new appointments of employees specified in section 1 shall be made at the minimum rate of the appropriate salary range.

New appointments at minimum rates.

SEC. 3. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent the promotion of any employee at any time to a vacant position in a higher grade, and when so promoted such employee shall receive the compensation fixed in accordance with law for such position; and nothing herein contained shall be construed to reduce the rate of compensation of any employee in the customs service.

Promotions at any time.

No reductions.

SEC. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to pay the rates of compensation herein established.

Necessary sums authorized.

SEC. 5. (a) Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1928.

Rates effective July 1, 1928.

(b) The remainder of this Act shall take effect on the date of its enactment.

Remainder of Act at once.

Approved, May 29, 1928.

**CHAP. 866.**—An Act Authorizing conveyance to the city of Hartford, Connecticut, of title to site and building of the present Federal building in that city.

May 29, 1928.  
[S. 4035.]  
[Public, No. 576.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in consideration of the fact that the site of the present Federal building at Hartford, Connecticut, was originally donated to the United States for Federal uses, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to convey by quit claim deed to the city of Hartford, Connecticut, title to said site and the Federal building thereon, upon completion and occupancy of the new Federal building authorized to be constructed in said city.

Hartford, Conn.  
Present public building and site granted to, on completion of new one.

Approved, May 29, 1928.