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PUBLIC LAWS OF THE SIXTY-SIXTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES

Passed at the third session, which was begun and held at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the sixth day of December, 1920, and was adjourned without day on Friday, the fourth day of March, 1921.

WOODROW WILSON, President; THOMAS R. MARSHALL, Vice President; ALBERT B. CUMMINS, President of the Senate *pro tempore;* CHARLES CURTIS, Acting President of the Senate *pro tempore*, December 23 to 27, 1920, and February 15 and 16, 1921; FREDERICK H. GILLETT, Speaker of the House of Representatives; JOSEPH WALSH, Speaker of the House of Representatives *pro tempore*, December 23, 1920; JOHN Q. TILSON, Speaker of the House of Representatives *pro tempore*, January 24 and 25, 1921.

CHAP. 1.—Joint Resolution Authorizing payment of the salaries of officers and employees of Congress for December, 1920, on the twentieth day of said month.

December 16, 1920.
[H. J. Res. 407.]
[Pub. Res., No. 53.]

Congressional officers, etc., to be paid December salaries December 20, 1920.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives are hereby authorized and directed to pay to the officers and employees of the Senate and House of Representatives, including the Capitol police, their respective salaries for the month of December, 1920, on the twentieth day of said month.

Approved, December 16, 1920.

CHAP. 2.—An Act Establishing the liability of hotel proprietors and innkeepers in the District of Columbia.

December 21, 1920.
[H. R. 12887.]
[Public, No. 287.]

District of Columbia. Hotel keepers not liable to guests for money, etc., unless deposited in safe provided therefor.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever the proprietor of any hotel or inn in the District of Columbia shall provide in such hotel or inn a suitable safe or vault for the safekeeping of any money, jewelry, or other articles of value, other than wearing apparel, belonging to or in the custody of guests, and shall notify the guests thereof by keeping conspicuously posted in the office and on the inside of the entrance door of the sleeping rooms of said hotel or inn a notice printed in distinct English type, such proprietor shall not be liable for the loss of or injury to any such property by theft or otherwise sustained by any guest unless such guest has offered to deliver the same to such proprietor for custody in such safe or vault and such proprietor has omitted or refused to receive it and deposit it in such safe or vault and to give such guest a receipt therefor: *Provided*, That in no case shall such proprietor be liable for the loss or injury to property so deposited in an amount exceeding the sum of $500, except by special contract in writing, stating the kind and value of property received, the kind and extent of the liability of said proprietor, and the reasonable consideration to be paid for such safekeeping, not in excess of the customary insurance charge or

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