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[CHAPTER 17]

AN ACT

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[Public Law 230]

To remit claims of the United States on account of overpayments to part-time charwomen in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and for other purposes.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing.
Overpayments to part-time charwomen.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That remission is hereby made of any and all claims of the United States in consequence of payments of wages at the rate of 78 cents an hour, rather than at some lower rate or rates, for work performed during the period from August 1, 1942, to June 30, 1943, both dates inclusive, by part-time charwomen employed in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing of the Treasury Department. Remission is hereby made of any and all claims of the United States in consequence of payments of wages for hours of work in any one week in excess of forty at the overtime rate of one and one-half times the rate at which payments were made for the first forty hours of work in that week, rather than at some lower rate or rates, for work performed on or after December 22, 1942, by any of said part-time charwomen pursuant to temporary details (pending promotions) to assignments requiring forty-eight hours work in one week. Said remissions are hereby made, notwithstanding any determination that the rate or rates at which said payments of wages were made is or are in excess of the rate or rates of pay established by law for said employment: *Provided*, That if said payments of wages at said rate of 78 cents an hour and at said overtime rate are otherwise correct, the Comptroller General is hereby authorized and directed to allow credit therefor in the accounts of the officers accountable therefor, to make no charge against any certifying officer because of certification of said payments of wages, and to remove every charge, if any, heretofore made against any certifying officer because of certification of said payments of wages.

Credit in accounts, etc.

Refunds.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to make refunds of any and all amounts heretofore withheld or deducted from wages paid to any of said part-time charwomen for work performed after June 30, 1943, in satisfaction or partial satisfaction of any and all claims or asserted claims of the United States in consequence of said payments of wages at said rate of 78 cents and at said overtime rate. The annual appropriation for salaries and expenses, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, 1944, is hereby made available to the extent of $700 for the purpose of making said refunds as herein provided.

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[CHAPTER 18]

AN ACT

February 21, 1944
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To amend sections 6, 7, and 8 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the leasing of coal lands in the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes", approved October 20, 1914 (38 Stat. 741, 743; 48 U. S. C., secs. 440, 441, 442).

Alaska coal lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 6, 7, and 8 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the leasing of coal lands in the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes", approved October 20, 1914 (38 Stat. 741, 743; 48 U. S. C., secs. 440, 441, 442), are hereby amended to read as follows:

Leases.

"SEC. 6. That each lease shall be for such leasing block or tract of land as may be offered or applied for, not exceeding in area two thousand five hundred and sixty acres of land, to be described by the