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Duty at distant stations.

(b) When on duty at distant stations where the pay and emoluments to which they are entitled cannot be disbursed regularly, commissioned and warrant officers, and enlisted men of the armed services, may have their pay and emoluments advanced under such regulations as the heads of the departments concerned may prescribe.

(c) The regulations prescribed for the administration of this section shall, insofar as practicable, be uniform for the services concerned.

Unliquidated amount.

SEC. 2. In the event the person to whom an advance of pay is made pursuant to section 1 of this Act dies or is separated from the service for any reason prior to the liquidation of such advance, the amount remaining unliquidated at the time of death or separation shall be passed to credit in the account of the disbursing officer concerned: *Provided*, That such amount remaining unliquidated shall remain a debt from such person or his estate due the United States.

Repeals.

SEC. 3. (a) Section 1563 of the Revised Statutes (34 U. S. C. A. 875) is hereby repealed.

(b) That part of paragraph 1, subheading "Pay of the Navy", heading "Bureau of Supplies and Accounts" of the Act of March 4, 1917 (39 Stat. 1181; 34 U. S. C. A. 875), which authorizes advances in pay to officers of the Navy and Marine Corps under certain conditions, is hereby repealed.

Approved October 5, 1949.

[CHAPTER 601]

AN ACT

October 5, 1949
[H. R. 4875]
[Public Law 319]

To amend title 28 of the United States Code relating to travel expense allowances for Government employee witnesses.

Title 28, U. S. Code, amendment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of section 1823 (a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking out "5 cents" and "$6" and inserting in lieu "7 cents" and "$9", respectively. Accordingly said section 1823 (a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

62 Stat. 950.
28 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 1823 (a).
Ante, p. 103.

"SEC. 1823. United States officers and employees.

Travel expenses of witnesses.

"(a) Any officer or employee of the United States or any agency thereof, summoned as a witness on behalf of the United States, shall be paid his necessary expenses incident to travel by common carrier, and if travel is made by privately owned automobile mileage at a rate not to exceed 7 cents per mile, together with a per diem allowance not to exceed $9 in lieu of subsistence under regulations prescribed by the Attorney General. Such expenses for appearing as a witness in any case involving the activity in connection with which such person is employed shall be payable from the appropriation otherwise available for travel expenses of such officer or employee under proper certification by a certifying officer of the department or agency concerned."

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[CHAPTER 602]

AN ACT

October 5, 1949
[H. R. 5465]
[Public Law 320]

To amend section 4 (e) of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended.

Civil Service Retirement Act, amendment.
53 Stat. 1201.
5 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 698 (e).

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 (e) of the Civil Service Retirement Act of May 29, 1930, as amended, is amended by substituting a colon for the period at the end thereof and adding the following: "*Provided*, That in cases of officers and employees paid on a fee basis, the maximum 'basic salary, pay, or com-