(b) Clauses (3) and (5) of such section 2, as amended, are amended by inserting after "has been authorized)" a comma and the following: "or during the period specified in clause (6) of this section".

SEC. 2. Section 3 of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944, as amended, is amended by inserting after "section 2 (4)" the following: "and (6)". 5 USC 852.

SEC. 3. (a) The rate of compensation of any employee who was changed from a position, the rate of pay of which was fixed in accordance with prevailing local wages upon recommendation of wage boards or other similar authority, to a position under the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, and placed in the appropriate step of the grade during the period between the effective date and the date of enactment of Public Law 201, approved October 24, 1951, shall be adjusted retroactively in accordance with the new rate provided by section 1 (a) of Public Law 201, Eighty-second Congress, for the step in which he was placed at the time of such assignment. Retroactive adjustment of certain pay rates. 63 Stat. 954. 5 USC 1071 note. 65 Stat. 612. 5 USC 1113(b), (c).

(b) This section shall become effective as of the first day of the first pay period which began after June 30, 1951.

(c) Retroactive compensation or salary shall be paid under this section only in the case of an individual in the service of the United States (including service in the Armed Forces of the United States) or the municipal government of the District of Columbia on the date of enactment of this Act, except that such retroactive compensation or salary shall be paid a retired officer or employee for services rendered during the period beginning with the first day of the first pay period which began after June 30, 1951, and ending with the date of his retirement, or the person or persons specified in section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to facilitate the settlement of the accounts of certain deceased civilian officers and employees of the Government", approved August 3, 1950 (Public Law 636, Eighty-first Congress), in the case of a deceased officer or employee for services rendered during the period beginning with the first day of the first pay period which began after June 30, 1951, and ending with the date of said officer or employee's death. Retroactive compensation. 64 Stat. 395. 5 USC 61f.

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Public Law 537 — CHAPTER 739

AN ACT

To amend the Contract Settlement Act of 1944 and to abolish the Appeal Board of the Office of Contract Settlement.

July 14, 1952
[S. 2199]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Appeal Board established under section 13 (d) of the Contract Settlement Act of 1944 is hereby abolished: *Provided, however*, That said abolition shall not become effective until six months after the enactment of this Act or such later date, nor more than nine months after the enactment of this Act, as may be fixed by written order of the Director of Contract Settlement published in the Federal Register. Such an order shall be made only in case the Director finds that it is impracticable for the Appeal Board to dispose of its pending business before the date fixed for abolition of the Board by this Act or a previous order of the Director. No such order shall be made less than thirty days prior to the date theretofore fixed for abolition of the Appeal Board. Office of Contract Settlement. Appeal Board. 58 Stat. 660. 41 USC 113.

SEC. 2. (a) Upon the effective date of the abolition of the Appeal Board all appeals and disputes pending therein shall be terminated

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without prejudice and the right of the parties to pursue such other remedies as are provided by law shall not be affected thereby.

(b) In any such terminated appeal, timely initiated in the Appeal Board, where the period for pursuit of any other remedy pursuant to section 13 (b) (2) of the Contract Settlement Act of 1944 shall have expired or would expire within sixty days after the effective date of the abolition of the Appeal Board, the period within which proceedings may be initiated in accordance with the said section shall be extended to sixty days after said effective date.

(c) Effective thirty days after the enactment of this Act no further appeals or submitted disputes shall be accepted for determination by said Appeal Board.

(d) Where an attempt is erroneously made to file an appeal with the Appeal Board after the time limited therefor by section 1 (c) of this Act but prior to the effective date of the abolition of the Appeal Board, said Board shall forthwith return the papers to the person therein named as appellant together with a notice in writing that, pursuant to the terms of section 1 (c) of this Act, it can no longer accept such an appeal. Where such an attempt is made in good faith and the appeal would, except for the provisions of section 1 (c) of this Act, have been timely and the period for pursuit of any other remedy pursuant to section 13 (b) (2) of the Contract Settlement Act of 1944 expires or would expire prior to the expiration of sixty days after the receipt of such notice, the period within which proper proceedings may be initiated in accordance with said section 13 (b) (2) shall be extended to sixty days after the receipt of such notice.

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Public Law 538 CHAPTER 740

July 14, 1952.
[S. 2690]

AN ACT

To amend the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, as amended, to make unlawful certain practices of ticket agents engaged in selling air transportation, and for other purposes.

Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, amendments.
52 Stat. 977.
62 Stat. 493.
49 USC 401.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, as amended, is amended by renumbering paragraph (32) as paragraph (33) and by inserting therein a new paragraph (32) reading as follows:

"(32) 'Ticket agent' means any person, not an air carrier or a foreign air carrier and not a bona fide employee of an air carrier or foreign air carrier, who, as principal or agent, sells or offers for sale any air transportation, or negotiates for, or holds himself out by solicitation, advertisement, or otherwise as one who sells, provides, furnishes, contracts or arranges for, such transportation."

49 USC 491.

SEC. 2. Section 411 of the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"METHODS OF COMPETITION

"SEC. 411. The Board may, upon its own initiative or upon complaint by any air carrier, foreign air carrier, or ticket agent, if it considers that such action by it would be in the interest of the public, investigate and determine whether any air carrier, foreign air carrier, or ticket agent has been or is engaged in unfair or deceptive pactices or unfair methods of competition in air transportation or the sale thereof. If the Board shall find, after notice and hearing, that