

July 26, 1955
[S. Con. Res. 40]

Issuance of
proclamation.

CONSTITUTION WEEK

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring)
That the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating the seven-day period beginning September 17 and ending September 23, 1955, as Constitution Week, and inviting the people of the United States to observe such week in schools, churches, and other suitable places with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Agreed to July 26, 1955.

July 26, 1955
[S. Con. Res. 53]

Ante, p. 530.

D. C. POLICE AND FIREMEN'S SALARIES

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),
That the Secretary of the Senate be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed, in the enrollment of the bill (S. 2428), to increase the salaries of officers and members of the Metropolitan Police force, and the Fire Department of the District of Columbia, the United States Park Police, and the White House Police, and for other purposes, to make the following change, viz: On page 5, line 15, of the engrossed bill, strike out "63f-63k" and in lieu thereof insert "61f-61k".

Agreed to July 26, 1955.

July 26, 1955
[H. Con. Res. 193]

CONSTITUTION OF COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Whereas the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will occur on October 25, 1955; and

Whereas there are embodied in this Constitution cultural, social, and legal principles which form a major part of the proud heritage of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

Whereas the people of the other States of the Union share with the people of Massachusetts the blessings of a society founded upon these principles; and

Whereas the importance in these troubled times of keeping alive in the Nation and in the world the tradition of courage, the love of freedom, and the consideration of one's fellowman, which are embodied in the historic document upon which representative government was founded in Massachusetts: Now, therefore be it

Felicitations of
Congress.

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),
That the Congress extends its felicitations to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of its constitution, and expresses the gratitude of the American people for the part played by the early statesmen of Massachusetts in building the foundations which have served the Commonwealth and the Republic so well.

Passed July 26, 1955.

July 29, 1955
[H. Con. Res. 161]

Printing of song
as House document.

56 Stat. 380.

"PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG"

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),
That there be printed as a House document the song composed by the famous songwriter, Irving Caesar, "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag", with illustrated cover, as designated in section 7 of the joint resolution approved June 22, 1942 (36 U. S. C., sec. 172), as amended (Public Law 396, Eighty-third Congress, ch. 297, second session; H. J.

Res. 243, approved June 14, 1954); and that there be printed three hundred and five thousand two hundred and fifty additional copies, of which two hundred and sixty-six thousand one hundred and fifty shall be for the use of the House; thirty thousand copies shall be for the use of the Senate; six thousand copies to be made available at the House Document Room; and three thousand copies to be made available at the Senate Document Room; and that there be included thereon the following history of the pledge:

68 Stat. 249.

The original author of the pledge was Francis Bellamy, who was born at Mount Morris, New York, May 18, 1855, and died August 28, 1931. He was ordained in 1879 at the Baptist Church in Little Falls, New York. The pledge he wrote was first used at the dedication of the World's Fair Grounds in Chicago on October 21, 1892, the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America, and has been recited from that day to this, with some changes, by school children throughout our land. Reverend Bellamy's original wording was altered slightly by the First and Second National Flag Conferences in 1923 and 1924 and his work was officially designated as the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Public Law 287, Seventy-ninth Congress, approved December 28, 1945. On June 14, 1954, Flag Day, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law House Joint Resolution 243, introduced by Representative Louis C. Rabaut of Michigan, which added to the Pledge of Allegiance the compelling and meaningful words "under God".

History of
pledge.

59 Stat. 668.

The song "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag", composed by Irving Caesar, ASCAP, at the request of Representative Louis C. Rabaut, was sung for the first time on the floor of the House of Representatives on Flag Day, June 14, 1955, by the official Air Force choral group, the "Singing Sergeants", under the direction of Captain Robert L. Landers, AFRES, in special Flag Day ceremonies.

Passed July 29, 1955.

GRANTING OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE TO CERTAIN ALIENS

July 30, 1955
[H. Con. Res. 167]

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress approves the granting of the status of permanent residence in the case of each alien hereinafter named, in which case the Attorney General has determined that such alien is qualified under the provisions of section 6 of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, as amended (67 Stat. 403; 68 Stat. 1044):

50 U S C app.
1971d.

A-7858789, Afonsky, Dimitri Alexandrovich.

0300-301341, Bart, Fannie, or Fejga Slonimtzik also known as Fejga Slonimtzik Bart.

A-7228067, Bart, Mordecai, or Mordchay Bart.

E-084291, Berkovits, Elias.

E-082603, Blady, Ryfka, also known as Ryfka Larish, also known as Rywka Larisz.

E-082606, Blady, Szmerla, also known as Schmerla Blady.

A-6668006, Brown, James Crawford Su, also known as James Su Brown, James Watkins Brown, Su Gin Ling.

E-094405, Bugaj, Leckadja.

A-9645740, Chai, Woo Suit.

E-079967, Chan, Get Wing.

A-6847712, Chang, Charles Chi.

0300-448176, Chang, Sophia Ho-Ying.

0200-86319, Chang, Reverend James Aloysius.

V-606646, Chang, Kuei Lien alias Patricia Chang.

A-6851618, Chang, Kuei-Sheng.