of the Interior is hereby authorized to add to the Pipestone National Monument such part of the Pipestone school reserve, not exceeding two hundred and fifty acres, as he deems necessary to protect archeological remains, to acquire by purchase or condemnation not exceeding ten acres of non-Federal land, as he deems necessary to improve the boundary and administration of the Pipestone National Monument Federal land, and to redefine the exterior boundaries of the Pipestone National Monument to include the lands so transferred and acquired pursuant to this Act. All lands added to the Pipestone National Monument pursuant to this Act shall be subject to the provisions of sections 2 and 3 of the Act of August 25, 1937 (50 Stat. 804). 16 USC 445c.

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AN ACT

June 18, 1956
[H. R. 3255]

To amend the Classification Act of 1949 to preserve in certain cases the rates of basic compensation of officers and employees whose positions are placed in lower grades by virtue of reclassification actions under such Act, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title V of the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

Federal employees.
Preservation of basic compensation.
63 Stat. 958.
5 USC 1101-1106.

"SEC. 507. (a) Each officer or employee subject to this Act—

"(1) who holds, on or after the date of enactment of this section, under a career-conditional or career appointment in the competitive civil service, a position (A) which is in any grade of a basic compensation schedule of this Act (other than grade 16, 17, or 18 of the General Schedule) and (B) which is placed, on or after such date of enactment, while such officer or employee holds such position, in a lower grade of such schedule under any reclassification of such position pursuant to this Act;

"(2) who has held such position for a continuous period of not less than two years ending immediately prior to the date of such reclassification; and

"(3) whose performance of the work of such position at all times during such period is satisfactory or better than satisfactory;

shall continue to receive basic compensation at the rate to which he was entitled immediately prior to such reclassification of his position (including any increases in such rate of basic compensation provided by law at any time while such officer or employee is in such position) until (i) he leaves such position or (ii) he is entitled to receive basic compensation at a higher rate by reason of the operation of this Act; but, whenever such position becomes vacant, the rate of basic compensation of any individual subsequently appointed to such position shall be fixed in accordance with this Act.

"(b) Each officer or employee subject to this Act—

"(1) who, during the period beginning on July 1, 1954, and ending immediately prior to the date of enactment of this section continuously held a position (A) which was in any grade of a basic compensation schedule of this Act (other than grade 16, 17, or 18 of the General Schedule) and (B) which was placed, at any time during such period, in a lower grade of such schedule under one or more reclassifications of such position pursuant to this Act;

"(2) who holds such position on the date of enactment of this section;