Public Law 85-289

September 4, 1957
[H. R. 9406]

AN ACT

To amend the Act of June 23, 1949, as amended, to provide that telephone and telegraph service furnished Members of the House of Representatives shall be computed on a biennial rather than an annual basis.

House of Representatives.
Telephone and telegraph service.
63 Stat. 264.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act relating to telephone and telegraph service and clerk hire for Members of the House of Representatives", approved June 23, 1949, as amended (2 U. S. C., sec. 46g), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 2. In the case of any Member of the House of Representatives other than the Speaker, the majority leader, the minority leader, the majority whip, and the minority whip, there shall be paid under the first section of this Act—

Telephone toll charges.

"(1) toll charges on strictly official long-distance telephone calls made by or on behalf of the Member, aggregating not more than six thousand minutes during a term, except that if a Member is elected for a portion of a term, the aggregate number of minutes with respect to which toll charges may be paid under the first section for such portion of a term shall be reduced to a number which is the same percentage of six thousand as the number of days of his service in such portion of a term is of the total number of days in a term; and

Charges on telegrams.

"(2) charges on strictly official telegrams, cablegrams, and radiograms sent by or on behalf of the Member aggregating during a term not more than forty thousand words of which not more than four thousand may be in telegrams, cablegrams, and radiograms sent to or from a point outside the United States, or its Territories or possessions, except that if a Member is elected for a portion of a term the aggregate number of words with respect to which charges may be paid under the first section for such portion of a term shall be reduced to a number which is the same percentage of forty thousand as the number of days of his service in such portion of a term is of the total number of days in a term.

"Term".

For the purposes of this section, the word 'term' means the period beginning at noon on January 3 of an odd-numbered calendar year and ending at noon on January 3 of the next succeeding odd-numbered calendar year."

Effective date.

SEC. 2. The amendment made by the first section of this Act shall take effect as of noon, January 3, 1957.

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[H. J. Res. 453]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Establishing that the second regular session of the 85th Congress convene at noon on Tuesday, January 7, 1958.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second regular session of the Eighty-fifth Congress shall begin at noon on Tuesday, January 7, 1958.

Approved September 4, 1957.

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