Public Law 89-377

To provide for the discontinuance of the Postal Savings System, 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 39, United States Code, is amended by adding the following new sections to chapter 85 thereof:

"§ 5225. Discontinuance of Postal Savings System

(a) The closing date for the Postal Savings System is the thirtieth day immediately following the date of the enactment of this Act. On and after the closing date no deposits shall be accepted in existing postal savings accounts and no new postal savings account shall be opened. After the closing date the Board of Trustees of the Postal Savings System shall not be required to maintain the 5 per centum reserve of postal savings funds otherwise required to be maintained by section 5214 of this title nor to apportion deposits in banks in accordance with sections 5215 and 5219 of this title.

(b) Interest on deposits in the Postal Savings System shall cease to accrue on the anniversary dates of the respective certificates occurring in the twelve-month period starting with the closing date.

"§ 5226. Liquidation of accounts

(a) During the closing period beginning on the closing date and ending on the last day of the first fiscal year which shall begin after such closing date, the Postmaster General is authorized and directed, to the extent practicable, to terminate the business, settle and pay the accounts, liquidate the assets, discharge the obligations, and otherwise wind up the affairs of the Postal Savings System, in accordance with such rules, regulations, and authority as may be prescribed by the Board of Trustees of the Postal Savings System.

(b) In the settlement and payment of any Postal Savings account, including all interest accrued thereon, which is maintained in the name of the deceased, presumed dead or incompetent depositor, or which is determined payable to—

(1) a minor,
(2) a person adjudicated mentally incompetent or under other legal disability, or
(3) the estate of a person who is deceased or presumed dead, the payment of such account, or any appropriate share thereof, may be made to a legal representative of the depositor, or to a legal representative of the person or property of such claimant. Where there are no outstanding guardianship or administration proceedings on the person or estate of the depositor, or the person or estate of such claimant, the Board of Trustees of the Postal Savings System shall determine the person who is otherwise qualified to receive payment according to the laws of descent and distribution of the State where the account is held. Payment made under this subsection shall be a bar to recovery by any other claimant of amounts so paid.

(c) Until the last day of the first fiscal year which shall begin after the closing date for the Postal Savings System, the Postmaster General shall continue to cover into the postal revenues the excess of interest and profit accruing from the deposit or investment of postal savings funds after the payment of interest due to depositors in the Postal Savings System.

(d) The annual report of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year which includes the closing date shall include a statement with
respect to the progress, results, and status of the winding up of the affairs of the Postal Savings System under this Act, together with such recommendations as the Postmaster General deems advisable.

§ 5227. Liquidation of investments

'To facilitate the winding up of the affairs of the Postal Savings System, the Secretary of the Treasury shall redeem or purchase the public debt obligations of the United States, which are held for the account of the Postal Savings System, at their par value whenever it will not be advantageous to sell such public debt obligations on the regular market.

§ 5228. Transfer of deposits to Treasury

'Effective on the first day of the second fiscal year which shall begin after the closing date for the Postal Savings System, the total amount of unpaid deposits, including the accrued interest due thereon, as shown by the books of the Board of Trustees of the Postal Savings System, shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury. The Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit the amount so transferred under authority of this section in the Treasury to the credit of the trust fund receipt account 'Unclaimed moneys of individuals whose whereabouts are unknown'. Expenditures are authorized to be made from such account as provided by section 725d of title 31, United States Code.

§ 5229. Regulations

'The Board of Trustees of the Postal Savings System is authorized and directed to prescribe such rules and regulations, and to make such delegation of authority, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 5225-5228 of this title.'

SEC. 2. The table of contents of chapter 85 of title 39, United States Code, is amended by adding thereto the following:

5225. Discontinuance of Postal Savings System.

5226. Liquidation of accounts.

5227. Liquidation of investments.

5228. Transfer of deposits to Treasury.

5229. Regulations.

Approved March 28, 1966.

Public Law 89-378

AN ACT

To authorize redetermination under the Civil Service Retirement Act of annuities of certain reemployed annuitants.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last sentence of section 13(b) of the Civil Service Retirement Act, 5 U.S.C. 2263(b), is amended to read as follows: 'Notwithstanding the restriction contained in section 115 of the Social Security Amendments of 1954, Public Law 88-761, a similar right to redetermination after deposit shall be applicable to an annuitant (1) whose annuity is based on an involuntary separation from the service and (2) who is separated on or after July 12, 1960, after such period of full-time reemployment which began before October 1, 1956.'

Sec. 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, annuity benefits resulting from enactment of this Act shall be paid from the civil service retirement and disability fund.

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