AN ACT
To provide equitable wage adjustments for certain prevailing rate employees of the Government.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the “Prevailing Rate Equalization Adjustment Act of 1972”.

Sec. 2. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or any provision of an Executive order or regulation, a wage schedule adjustment for employees of the Government of the United States whose pay is fixed and adjusted from time to time in accordance with prevailing rates—

(1) if based on a wage survey ordered to be made on or after August 15, 1971, but not placed into effect before November 14, 1971, by reason of the provisions of Executive Order 11615 or Executive Order 11627; or

(2) if based on a wage survey which had been scheduled to be made during the period beginning on September 1, 1971, and ending on January 12, 1972, and which was ordered to be made on or after January 13, 1972;

shall be effective on the date on which such wage schedule adjustment would have been effective under section 5343 of title 5, United States Code, had the fiscal year 1972 schedule for wage surveys for such employees been followed.

(b) Retroactive pay made under the provisions of this section will be made in accordance with section 5344 of title 5, United States Code.

Sec. 3. (a) The last sentence of section 4(a) of the Act of January 8, 1971 (84 Stat. 1952; Public Law 91-656), is amended to read as follows: “Such rates, limitations, and allowances adjusted by the President pro tempore shall become effective on the first day of the month in which any adjustment becomes effective under such section 5305 or section 3(c) of this Act.”.

(b) Paragraph (1) of section 5(a) of the Act of January 8, 1971 (84 Stat. 1952; Public Law 91-656), is amended to read as follows:

“(1) effective on the first day of the month in which such pay adjustment by the President is made effective as described above, shall adjust—”.

Approved May 17, 1972.

JOINT RESOLUTION
Deploring the attempted assassination of Governor George C. Wallace of Alabama.

Whereas Governor George C. Wallace of Alabama was shot and critically wounded on May 15, 1972, by a would-be assassin; and

Whereas this act of violence is deplored and universally condemned by all Americans; and

Whereas the people of the Nation are shocked that this tragedy could occur and that our democratic processes are fraught with such danger to those who actively participate therein; and