

“(e) Any loan heretofore or hereafter made or insured under this Act may be converted to an insured loan under this section at the discretion of the Secretary, and any expenses in connection with such conversion may be paid out of funds available for administrative expenses.

“(f) The Secretary is further authorized to sell any loan heretofore or hereafter made or insured under this Act without insurance thereof upon the written consent of the borrower, or without such consent when the borrower has failed to comply with his agreement to refinance the indebtedness at the request of the Secretary. Such loan shall be sold at the full amount of the unpaid balance thereof, and upon such sale the Secretary is authorized to assign the security instrument and evidence of debt in such manner that the United States shall have no further right or obligation with respect to the loan.”

Approved August 25, 1958.

Public Law 85-749

AN ACT

To amend section 7 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946, as amended, to provide for the payment of travel and transportation cost for persons selected for appointment to certain positions in the continental United States and Alaska, and for other purposes.

August 25, 1958
[H. R. 11133]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 7 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 808, as amended, 5 U. S. C. 73b-3) is further amended by inserting “(a)” after the section number and by adding at the end thereof new subsections as follows:

Scientific and
technical posi-
tions.

“(b) Appropriations for the departments shall be available in accordance with regulations prescribed by the President, for expenses of travel of persons appointed to positions in the natural and mathematical sciences, engineering, and architectural fields, and to related technical positions in the continental United States and Alaska for which there is determined by the Civil Service Commission to be a manpower shortage in those skills which are critical to the national security effort, and for expenses of transportation of their immediate families and their household goods and personal effects and for advances of funds to the extent authorized by section 1 (a) and (b) of this Act, from their places of actual residence at time of selection to their first duty station. Such travel expenses may include per diem and mileage allowance for persons selected for appointment as provided for civilian officers and employees by the Travel Expense Act of 1949, as amended. Travel and transportation expenses may be allowed whether the person selected for appointment has been appointed or not at the time of such travel. However, the travel and transportation expenses authorized by this subsection shall not be allowed unless the person selected for appointment shall agree in writing to remain in the Government service for twelve months following his appointment unless separated for reasons beyond his control and acceptable to the department or agency concerned. In case of violation of such agreement, any moneys expended by the United States on account of such travel and transportation shall be recoverable from the individual concerned as a debt due the United States.

Travel and
transportation ex-
penses.

63 Stat. 166.
5 USC 835 note.

Expiration date.

"(c) The authority of the Civil Service Commission to determine for purposes of this Act positions for which there is a manpower shortage shall not be delegated. The provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of section 7 of this Act shall expire two years from the date of their enactment into law.

"(d) Nothing contained in this section shall impair or otherwise affect the authority of any department under existing law to pay travel and transportation expenses of persons designated in subsection (b) and (c) hereof."

Approved August 25, 1958.

Public Law 85-750

August 25, 1958
[H. R. 12967]

AN ACT

To amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 with respect to the frequency of review of minimum wage rates established for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Puerto Rico and
Virgin Islands.
Wage rates.
69 Stat. 711.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 8 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 is amended by striking out the last sentence of subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof: "Minimum rates of wages established in accordance with this section which are not equal to the minimum wage rate prescribed in paragraph (1) of section 6 (a) shall be reviewed by such a Committee once during each biennial period, beginning with the biennial period commencing July 1, 1958, except that the Secretary, in his discretion, may order an additional review during any such biennial period."

Approved August 25, 1958.

Public Law 85-751

August 25, 1958
[H. R. 13404]

AN ACT

To amend section 404 (c) (1) of the Postal Field Service Compensation Act of 1955 to grant longevity credit for service performed in the Panama Canal Zone postal service.

Postal service
in Canal Zone.
Longevity credit.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 404 (c) (1) of the Postal Field Service Compensation Act of 1955, as amended (69 Stat. 123, 72 Stat. 151; 39 U. S. C. 984 (c) (1)), is amended—

(1) by striking out the word "and" immediately following the semicolon at the end of subparagraph (D) thereof;

(2) by striking out the period at the end of subparagraph (E) thereof and inserting in lieu of such period a semicolon and the word "and"; and

(3) by adding at the end of such section 404 (c) (1) the following new subparagraph:

"(F) all time on the rolls in the Panama Canal Zone postal service."

SEC. 2. No payment of longevity compensation shall be made, by reason of the amendments made by the first section of this Act, for any period prior to the first day of the first pay period which begins after the date of enactment of this Act.

Approved August 25, 1958.