

## Public Law 92-298

May 17, 1972  
[H. R. 13753]

## AN ACT

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

Prevailing Rate  
Equalization  
Adjustment Act  
of 1972.

*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—

12 USC 1904  
note.  
3 CFR 1971  
Comp., pp. 199,  
218.

(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.

80 Stat. 471.

Retroactive pay.

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

Congress, pay  
adjustments.  
2 USC 60a note.

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."

84 Stat. 1946.  
5 USC 5305  
note.

(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—".

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May 18, 1972  
[S. J. Res. 234]

## JOINT RESOLUTION

Deploing 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

Whereas all Americans are saddened at this tragedy and sympathize deeply with Governor Wallace and his family and pray for his recovery: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the attempted assassination of Governor Wallace is deeply deplored and condemned; and

That Governor Wallace has the best wishes and prayers of all citizens for his speedy recovery; and

That the Wallace family is extended the sympathy and encouragement and best wishes of all members of Congress, the distinguished Vice President and the President of the United States.

Approved May 18, 1972.

Gov. George C.  
Wallace of Ala.

## Public Law 92-300

### AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a volunteers in the national forests program, and for other purposes.

May 18, 1972  
[S. 1379]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") is authorized to recruit, train, and accept without regard to the civil service classification laws, rules, or regulations the services of individuals without compensation as volunteers for or in aid of interpretive functions, visitor services, conservation measures and development, or other activities in and related to areas administered by the Secretary through the Forest Service. In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall consider referrals of prospective volunteers made by ACTION.

Volunteers in  
the National  
Forests Act of  
1972.

SEC. 2. The Secretary is authorized to provide for incidental expenses, such as transportation, uniforms, lodging, and subsistence.

Incidental ex-  
penses.

SEC. 3. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a volunteer shall not be deemed a Federal employee and shall not be subject to the provisions of law relating to Federal employment, including those relating to hours of work, rates of compensation, leave, unemployment compensation, and Federal employee benefits.

Non-Federal  
employee.

(b) For the purpose of the tort claim provisions of title 28 of the United States Code, a volunteer under this Act shall be considered a Federal employee.

Federal em-  
ployee.  
28 USC 2671  
et seq.

(c) For the purposes of subchapter I of chapter 81 of title 5 of the United States Code, relating to compensation to Federal employees for work injuries, volunteers under this Act shall be deemed civil employees of the United States within the meaning of the term "employee" as defined in section 8101 of title 5, United States Code, and the provisions of that subchapter shall apply.

"Employee."  
5 USC 8101.

SEC. 4. There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, but not more than \$100,000 shall be appropriated in any one year.

80 Stat. 532.

Appropriation.

SEC. 5. This Act may be cited as the "Volunteers in the National Forests Act of 1972".

Short title.

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