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[CHAPTER 2.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

March 17, 1933.

[H. J. Res. 75.]


To provide for certain expenses incident to the first session of the Seventy-third Congress.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the appropriations for mileage of Senators, Representatives, the Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico, and the Delegate from Hawaii, and for expenses of the Delegate from Alaska and the Resident Commissioners from the Philippine Islands, contained in the Legislative Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1934, are hereby made immediately available and authorized to be paid to Senators, Representatives, Delegates, and Resident Commissioners, for attendance on the first session of the Seventy-third Congress.

The appropriation for stationery for Representatives, Delegates, and Resident Commissioners, and for the committees and officers of the House, contained in the Legislative Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1934, is hereby made immediately available for expenditure on account of the first session of the Seventy-third Congress notwithstanding the provisions of section 304 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (47 Stat. 408): Provided, That from such sum each Representative, Delegate, and Resident Commissioner shall be allowed $90 for stationery allowance or commutation therefor.

Approved, March 17, 1933.

[CHAPTER 3.]

AN ACT

March 20, 1933.

[H.R. 2820.]

[Public, No. 2.]

To maintain the credit of the United States Government.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled;

TITLE I

VETERANS

SECTION 1. That subject to such requirements and limitations as shall be contained in regulations to be issued by the President, and within the limits of appropriations made by Congress, the following classes of persons may be paid a pension:

(a) Any person who served in the active military or naval service and who is disabled as a result of disease or injury or aggravation of a preexisting disease or injury incurred in line of duty in such service.

(b) Any person who served in the active military or naval service during the Spanish-American War, including the Boxer Rebellion and the Philippine Insurrection, or the World War, and who is permanently disabled as a result of injury or disease: Provided, That nothing contained in this title shall deny a pension to a Spanish-American War veteran past the age of sixty-two years entitled to a pension under existing law, but the President may reduce the rate of pension as he may deem proper.

(c) The widow, child, or children, dependent mother or father, of any person who dies as a result of disease or injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty in the active military or naval service.

(d) The widow and/or child of any deceased person who served in the active military or naval service during the Spanish-American War, including the Boxer Rebellion and the Philippine Insurrection.
(e) For the purpose of subparagraph (b) of this section, the World War shall be deemed to have ended November 11, 1918.

Sec. 2. The minimum and maximum monthly rate of pension which may be paid for disability or death shall be as follows: For disability, from $6 to $275; for death, from $12 to $75.

Sec. 3. For each class of persons specified in subparagraphs (a) and (b) of section 1 of this title the President is hereby authorized to prescribe by regulation the minimum degrees of disability and such higher degrees of disability, if any, as in his judgment should be recognized and prescribe the rate of pension payable for each such degree of disability. In fixing rates of pensions for disability or death the President shall prescribe by regulation such differentiation as he may deem just and equitable, in the rates to be paid to veterans of different wars and/or their dependents and to be paid for

(a) Disabilities and deaths resulting from disease or injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty in war-time service;

(b) Disabilities and deaths resulting from disease or injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty in peace-time service;

(c) Disabilities and deaths not incurred in service.

Sec. 4. The President shall prescribe by regulation (subject to the provisions of section 1 (e) of this title) the date of the beginning and of the termination of the period in each war subsequent to the Civil War, including the Boxer Rebellion and the Philippine Insurrection, service within which shall for the purposes of this Act be deemed war-time service. The President shall further prescribe by regulation the required number of days of war or peace time service for each class of veterans, the time limit on filing of claims for each class of veterans and their dependents, the nature and extent of proofs and presumptions for such different classes, and any other requirements as to entitlement as he shall deem equitable and just. The President in establishing conditions precedent may prescribe different requirements or conditions for the veterans of different wars and their dependents and may further subdivide the classes of persons as outlined in section 1 of this title and apply different requirements or conditions to such subdivisions.

Sec. 5. All decisions rendered by the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs under the provisions of this title, or the regulations issued pursuant thereto, shall be final and conclusive on all questions of law and fact, and no other official or court of the United States shall have jurisdiction to review by mandamus or otherwise any such decision.

Sec. 6. In addition to the pensions provided in this title, the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs is hereby authorized under such limitations as may be prescribed by the President, and within the limits of existing Veterans’ Administration facilities, to furnish to veterans of any war, including the Boxer Rebellion and the Philippine Insurrection, domiciliary care where they are suffering with permanent disabilities, tuberculosis or neuropsychiatric ailments and medical and hospital treatment for diseases or injuries.

Sec. 7. The Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs subject to the general direction of the President and in accordance with regulations to be issued by the President shall administer, execute, and enforce the provisions of this title and for such purpose shall have the same authority and powers as are provided in sections 425, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 440, 442, 443, 444, 447, 450, 451, 453, 455, 457, 458, 459, 459a, 459c, 459d, 459e, 459f, title 38, U. S. C., and such other sections of title 38, U. S. C., as relate to the administration of the laws granting pensions.
Delegation of authority.

Sec. 8. The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is hereby authorized in carrying out the provisions of Title 1 of this Act or any other pension Act to delegate authority to render decisions to such person or persons as he may find necessary. Within the limitations of such delegations, any decisions rendered by such person or persons shall have the same force and effect as though rendered by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs. The President shall personally approve all regulations issued under the provisions of this title.

Approval of regulations.

Claims for benefits.

Filing, hearings, review, etc.

Sec. 9. Claims for benefits under this title shall be filed with the Veterans' Administration under such regulations, including provisions for hearing, determination, and administrative review, as the President may approve, and payments shall not be made for any period prior to date of application. When a claim shall be finally disallowed under this title and the regulations issued thereunder, it may not thereafter be reopened or allowed. No person who is entitled to any benefits under this title shall participate in any determination or decision with respect to any claim for benefits under this title.

Payments, reopening, etc.

Participation by beneficiary in decision.

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Provided. World War service. Disability in line of duty, etc.

Sec. 10. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2 of this title, any person who served as an officer of the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States during the World War, other than as an officer of the Regular Army, Navy, or Marine Corps during the World War, who made valid application for retirement under the provisions of Public No. 506, Seventieth Congress, enacted May 24, 1928, sections 581 and 582, title 38, United States Code, and who prior to the passage of this Act has been granted retirement with pay, shall be entitled to continue to receive retirement pay at the monthly rate now being paid him if the disability for which he has been retired resulted from disease or injury or aggravation of a preexisting disease or injury incurred in line of duty during such service: Provided, That such person entered active service between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918: Provided, That the disease or injury or aggravation of the disease or injury directly resulted from the performance of military or naval duty, and that such person otherwise meets the requirements of the regulations which may be issued under the provisions of this Act.

Perjury.

Punishment for.

Fraudulently accepting pension.

Punishment for.

Fraudulently obtaining money, etc.

Sec. 11. All offenses committed and all penalties or forfeiture incurred under the acts repealed by section 17 of this title may be prosecuted and punished in the same manner and with the same effect as if said repeal had not been made and any person who forfeited rights to benefits under any such acts shall not be entitled to any benefits under this title.

Sec. 12. That whoever in any claim for benefits under this title or by regulations issued pursuant to this title, makes any sworn statement of a material fact knowing it to be false, shall be guilty of perjury and shall be punished by a fine of not more than $5,000 or by imprisonment for not more than two years, or both.

Sec. 13. That if any person entitled to payment of pension under this title, whose right to such payment under this title or under any regulation issued under this title, ceases upon the happening of any contingency, thereafter fraudulently accepts any such payment, he shall be punished by a fine of not more than $2,000 or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

Sec. 14. That whoever shall obtain or receive any money, check, or pension under this title, or regulations issued under this title, without being entitled to the same, and with intent to defraud the United States or any beneficiary of the United States, shall be punished by a fine of not more than $2,000, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.
Sec. 15. Any person who shall knowingly make or cause to be made, or conspire, combine, aid, or assist in, agree to, arrange for, or in any wise procure the making or presentation of a false or fraudulent affidavit, declaration, certificate, statement, voucher, or paper, or writing purporting to be such, concerning any claim for benefits under this title, shall forfeit all rights, claims, and benefits under this title, and, in addition to any and all other penalties imposed by law, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than $1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

Sec. 16. Every guardian, curator, conservator, committee, or person legally vested with the responsibility or care of a claimant or his estate, having charge and custody in a fiduciary capacity of money paid, under the provisions of this title, for the benefit of any minor or incompetent claimant, who shall embezzle the same in violation of his trust, or convert the same to his own use, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding $2,000 or imprisonment at hard labor for a term not exceeding five years, or both.

Sec. 17. All public laws granting medical or hospital treatment, domiciliary care, compensation and other allowances, pension, disability allowance, or retirement pay to veterans and the dependents of veterans of the Spanish-American War, including the Boxer Rebellion and the Philippine Insurrection, and the World War, or to former members of the military or naval service for injury or disease incurred or aggravated in the line of duty in the military or naval service (except so far as they relate to persons who served prior to the Spanish-American War and to the dependents of such persons, and the retirement of officers and enlisted men of the Regular Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard) are hereby repealed, and all laws granting or pertaining to yearly renewable term insurance are hereby repealed, but payments in accordance with such laws shall continue to the last day of the third calendar month following the month during which this Act is enacted. The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs under the general direction of the President shall immediately cause to be reviewed all allowed claims under the above referred to laws and where a person is found entitled under this Act, authorize payment or allowance of benefits in accordance with the provisions of this Act commencing with the first day of the fourth calendar month following the month during which this Act is enacted and notwithstanding the provisions of section 9 of this Act, no further claim in such cases shall be required: Provided, That nothing contained in this section shall interfere with payments heretofore made or hereafter to be made under contracts of yearly renewable term insurance which have matured prior to the date of enactment of this Act and under which payments have been commenced, or on any judgment heretofore rendered in a court of competent jurisdiction in any suit on a contract of yearly renewable term insurance, or which may hereafter be rendered in any such suit now pending: Provided further, That, subject to such regulations as the President may prescribe, allowances may be granted for burial and funeral expenses and transportation of the bodies (including preparation of the bodies) of deceased veterans of any war to the places of burial thereof in a sum not to exceed $107 in any one case.

The provisions of this title shall not apply to compensation or pension (except as to rates, time of entry into active service and special statutory allowances), being paid to veterans disabled, or dependents of veterans who died, as the result of disease or injury directly connected with active military or naval service (without benefit of statutory or regulatory presumption of service connection)
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OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Sec. 1. When used in this title—
(a) The terms "officer" and "employee" mean any person rendering services in or under any branch or service of the United States Government or the government of the District of Columbia, but do not include (1) officers whose compensation may not, under the Constitution, be diminished during their continuance in office; (2) the Vice President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Senators, Representatives in Congress, Delegates, and Resident Commissioners; (3) officers and employees on the rolls of the Senate and House of Representatives; (4) any person in respect of any office, position, or employment the amount of compensation of which is expressly fixed by international agreement; and (5) any person in respect of any office, position, or employment the compensation of which is paid under the terms of any contract in effect on the date of the enactment of this title, if such compensation may not lawfully be reduced.

(b) The term "compensation" means any salary, pay, wage, allowance (except allowances for travel), or other emolument paid for services rendered in any civilian or noncivilian office, position, or employment; and includes the retired pay of judges (except judges whose compensation, prior to retirement or resignation, could not, under the Constitution, have been diminished), and the retired pay of all commissioned and other personnel of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, the Lighthouse Service, and the Public Health Service, and the retired pay of all commissioned and other personnel of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard; but does not include payments out of any retirement, disability, or relief fund made up wholly or in part of contributions of employees.

Sec. 2. For that portion of the fiscal year 1933 beginning with the first day of the calendar month following the month during which this Act is enacted, and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, the compensation of every officer or employee shall be determined as follows:
(a) The compensation which such officer or employee would receive under the provisions of any existing law, schedule, regulation, Executive order, or departmental order shall first be determined as though this title (except section 4) had not been enacted.
(b) The compensation as determined under subparagraph (a)
of this section shall be reduced by the percentage, if any, determined
in accordance with section 3 of this title.

Sec. 3. (a) The President is authorized to investigate through
established agencies of the Government the facts relating to the cost
of living in the United States during the six months period ending
June 30, 1928, to be known as the base period, and upon the basis
of such facts and the application thereto of such principles as he
may find proper, determine an index figure of the cost of living
during such period. The President is further authorized to make a
similar investigation and determination of an index figure of the cost
of living during the six months period ending December 31, 1932,
and each six months period thereafter.

(b) The President shall announce by Executive order the index
figure for the base period and for each subsequent period determined
by him under paragraph (a) of this section. The percentage, if
any, by which the cost of living index for any six months’ period,
as provided in paragraph (a) of this section, is lower than such
index for the base period, shall be the percentage of reduction
applicable under section 2 (b) of this title in determining compen-
sation to be paid during the following six months’ period, or such
portion thereof during which this title is in effect: Provided, That
such percentage of reduction (including reductions made under any
existing law, regulation, or Executive order, in the case of subsistence
and rental allowances for the services mentioned in the Pay Act
of June 10, 1922) shall not exceed 15 per centum.

Sec. 4. (a) Section 4 of An Act Making Appropriations for the
Treasury and Post Office Departments for the fiscal year ending
June 30, 1934, and for other purposes, approved March 3, 1933, is
hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 4. (a) The provisions of the following sections of Part II
of the Legislative Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1933, are hereby
continued in full force and effect during the fiscal year ending June
30, 1934, namely sections 105 (except subsections (d) and (e)
thereof), 107 (except paragraph (5) of subsection (a) thereof and
subsection (b) thereof), 201, 203, 206 (except subsection (a) thereof),
214, 216, 304, 315, 317, 318, and 323, and for the purpose of
continuing such sections, in the application of such sections with
respect to the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, the figures ‘1933’
shall be read as ‘1934’; the figures ‘1934’ as ‘1935’; and the figures
‘1935’ as ‘1936’; and, in the case of section 203, the figures ‘1932’
shall be read as ‘1933’; except that in the application of such
sections with respect to the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934 (but
not with respect to the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933), the
following amendments shall apply:

“(1) Section 216 is amended by striking out the period at the
end thereof and inserting in lieu thereof a colon and the following:
‘Provided further, That no employee under the classified civil service
shall be furloughed under the provisions of this section for a total
period of more than 90 days during the fiscal year 1934, except after full
and complete compliance with all the provisions of the civil-service
laws and regulations relating to reductions in personnel.’

“(2) Section 317 is amended by striking out the period at the
end thereof and inserting in lieu thereof a colon and the following: ‘Pro-
vided further, That no part of any appropriation for ‘public works’,
or any part of any allotment or portion available for ‘public
works’ under any appropriation, shall be transferred pursuant to
the authority of this section to any appropriation for expenditure
for personnel unless such personnel is required upon or in connection
with "public works." "Public works" as used in this section shall comprise all projects falling in the general classes enumerated in Budget Statement No. 9, pages A177 to A182, inclusive, of the Budget for the fiscal year 1934, and shall also include the procurement of new airplanes and the construction of vessels under appropriations for "Increase of the Navy." The interpretation by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, or by the President in the cases of the War Department and the Navy Department, of "public works" as defined and designated herein shall be conclusive.'

(b) All Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of such sections as amended, are hereby suspended during the period in which such sections, as amended, are in effect.

(c) No court of the United States shall have jurisdiction of any suit against the United States or (unless brought by the United States) against any officer, agency, or instrumentality of the United States arising out of the application as provided in this section, of such sections 105 or 107, as amended, unless such suit involves the Constitution of the United States.

(d) The appropriations or portions of appropriations unexpended by reason of the operation of the amendments made in subsection (a) of this section shall not be used for any purpose, but shall be impounded and returned to the Treasury.

(e) Each permanent specific annual appropriation available during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1934, is hereby reduced for that fiscal year by such estimated amount as the Director of the Bureau of the Budget may determine will be equivalent to the savings that will be effected in such appropriation by reason of the application of this section and section 7.

(b) Sections 5 and 6 of the Treasury and Post Office Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1934, are hereby repealed.

(c) Section 215 of the Legislative Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1933 (relating to the limitation on annual leave), is amended by striking out "Provided further, That nothing herein shall apply to civilian officers and employees of the Panama Canal located on the Isthmus and who are American citizens, or to officers and employees of the Foreign Services of the United States holding official station outside the continental United States" and inserting in lieu thereof "Provided further, That nothing herein shall apply to officers and employees of the Panama Canal and Panama Railroad Company on the Isthmus of Panama, or to officers and employees of the United States (including enlisted personnel) holding official station outside the continental United States or in Alaska."

(d) The following sections of Part II of the Legislative Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1933, are hereby repealed effective on the first day of the calendar month following the month in which this Act is enacted; namely, sections 101, 102, 103, 104, subsections (d) and (e) of section 105, 106, 107 (except paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) of subsection (a) thereof), 108, 112, and 211.

(e) Subsection (a) of section 105 of the Legislative Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1933, is amended to read as follows, beginning with the first day of the calendar month following the month during which this Act is enacted:

"(a) The salaries of the Vice President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives are reduced by 15 per centum; and the salaries of Senators, Representatives in Congress, Delegates, and Resident Commissioners are reduced by 15 per centum."
(f) Subsection (b) of section 105 of the Legislative Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1933, is amended to read as follows, beginning with the first day of the calendar month following the month during which this Act is enacted:

"(b) The allowance for clerk hire of Representatives in Congress, Delegates, and Resident Commissioners is reduced by the percentage applicable by law to other employees on the roll of the House of Representatives, such reduced allowance to be apportioned by the Representative, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner among his clerks as he may determine, subject to the limitations of existing law, but the compensation of such clerks shall not be subject to reduction under subsection (c) of this section."

(g) Subsection (c) of section 105 of the Legislative Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1933, is amended to read as follows, beginning with the first day of the calendar month following the month during which this Act is enacted:

"(c) The rate of compensation of any person on the rolls of the Senate or of the House of Representatives (other than persons included within subsection (a)), is reduced by the percentage applicable by law to employees of the Government generally."

Sec. 5. The provisions of this title providing for temporary reductions in compensation and suspension in automatic increases in compensation shall not operate to reduce the rate of compensation upon which the retired pay or retirement benefits of any officer or employee would be based but for the application of such provisions, but the amount of retired pay shall be reduced as provided in this title: Provided, That retirement deductions authorized by law to be made from the salary, pay, or compensation of officers or employees and transferred or deposited to the credit of a retirement fund, shall be based on the regular rate of salary, pay, or compensation instead of on the rate as temporarily reduced under the provisions of this title.

Sec. 6. In the case of a corporation the majority of the stock of which is owned by the United States, the holders of the stock on behalf of the United States, or such persons as represent the interest of the United States in such corporation, shall take such action as may be necessary to apply the provisions of this title to offices, positions, and employments under such corporation and to officers and employees thereof, with proper allowance for any reduction in compensation since December 31, 1931.

Sec. 7. In any case in which the application of the provisions of this title to any person would result in a diminution of compensation prohibited by the Constitution, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to accept from such person, and cover into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, remittance of such part of the compensation of such person as would not be paid to him if such diminution of compensation were not prohibited.

Sec. 8. The appropriations or portions of appropriations unexpended by reason of the operation of this Act shall not be used for any purpose, but shall be impounded and returned to the Treasury.

Sec. 9. No court of the United States shall have jurisdiction of any suit against the United States or (unless brought by the United States) against any officer, agency, or instrumentality of the United States arising out of the application of any provision of this title, unless such suit involves the Constitution of the United States.
AMENDMENTS TO LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION ACT, FISCAL YEAR, 1933

Section 1. Sections 407 and 409 of Title IV of Part II of the Legislative Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1933, as amended by section 17 of the Treasury and Post Office Appropriation Act, approved March 3, 1933, are amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 407. Whenever the President makes an Executive order under the provisions of this title, such Executive order shall be submitted to the Congress while in session and shall not become effective until after the expiration of sixty calendar days after such transmission, unless Congress shall by law provide for an earlier effective date of such Executive order or orders.

"Sec. 409. No Executive order issued by the President in pursuance of the provisions of section 403 of this title shall become effective unless transmitted to the Congress within two years from the date of the enactment of this Act."

Approved, March 20, 1933.

CHAPTER 4.

AN ACT

To provide revenue by the taxation of certain nonintoxicating liquor, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) there shall be levied and collected on all beer, lager beer, ale, porter, wine, similar fermented malt or vinous liquor, and fruit juice, containing one-half of 1 per centum or more of alcohol by volume, and not more than 3.2 per centum of alcohol by weight, brewed or manufactured and, on or after the effective date of this Act, sold, or removed for consumption or sale, within the United States, by whatever name such liquors or fruit juices may be called, a tax of $5 for every barrel containing not more than thirty-one gallons, and at a like rate for any other quantity or for the fractional parts of a barrel authorized and defined by law, to be collected under the provisions of existing law. The tax imposed by this section upon any beverage shall, if any tax is now imposed thereon by law, be in lieu of such tax from the time the tax imposed by this section takes effect. Nothing in this section shall in any manner affect the internal-revenue tax on beer, lager beer, ale, porter, wine, similar fermented malt or vinous liquor, or fruit juice, containing more than 3.2 per centum of alcohol by weight, or less than one-half of 1 per centum of alcohol by volume. As used in this section the term "United States" includes only the States, the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, and the District of Columbia.

(b) Paragraph "First" of section 3244 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 26, sec. 202) is amended to read as follows:

"First. Brewers shall pay $1,000 in respect of each brewery. Every person who manufactures fermented liquors of any name or description for sale, from malt, wholly or in part, or from any substitute therefor, containing one-half of 1 per centum or more of alcohol by volume, shall be deemed a brewer."

(c) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as repealing any special tax or administrative provision of the internal revenue laws applicable in respect of any of the following containing one-half of 1 per centum or more of alcohol by volume and not more than 3.2