

[CHAPTER 436]

AN ACT

To authorize employees of the United States to testify on behalf of the District of Columbia and employees of the District of Columbia to testify on behalf of the United States and of the District of Columbia without loss of salary or annual leave.

October 14, 1941
[S. 1344]
[Public Law 269]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this Act employees of the Government of the United States in active service who are called upon to serve as witnesses on behalf of the District of Columbia in any court proceeding in which the government of the District of Columbia may be a party and employees of the government of the District of Columbia who are called upon to serve as witnesses on behalf of the United States or the District of Columbia in any court proceeding in which the Government of the United States or the government of the District of Columbia may be a party, shall not be paid witness fees for such service, but the period of such service shall be without loss of salary or compensation and shall not be deducted from any leave of absence with pay authorized by law.

Employees of U. S. and D. C. Service as witness without loss of salary or annual leave.

Witness fees disallowed.

Approved, October 14, 1941.

[CHAPTER 437]

AN ACT

To further amend the Acts for promoting the circulation of reading matter among the blind.

October 14, 1941
[S. 1570]
[Public Law 270]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act approved April 27, 1904 (33 Stat. 313), the supplemental provision in the Act approved August 24, 1912 (37 Stat. 551), the joint resolution approved June 7, 1924 (43 Stat. 668), the Act approved May 9, 1934 (48 Stat. 678), and the Act amending these Acts approved May 16, 1938 (52 Stat. 378) (39 U. S. C., 1934 edition, Supp. V, sec. 331), be, and the same are hereby, amended to read as follows:

Postal Service. Reading matter, etc., for the blind.

39 U. S. C. § 331.

Designated matter to be transmitted free of postage.

Books, pamphlets, and other reading matter published either in raised characters, whether prepared by hand or printed or in the form of sound-reproduction records for the use of the blind, in packages not exceeding the weight prescribed by the Postmaster General, and containing no advertising or other matter whatever, unsealed, and when sent by public institutions for the blind, or by any public libraries, as a loan to blind readers, or when returned by the latter to such institutions or public libraries; magazines, periodicals, and other regularly issued publications in such raised characters, whether prepared by hand or printed, or on sound-reproduction records (for the use of the blind), which contain no advertisements and for which no subscription fee is charged, shall be transmitted in the United States mails free of postage and under such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe.

Holy Scriptures.

Volumes of the Holy Scriptures, or any part thereof, published either in raised characters, whether prepared by hand or printed, or in the form of sound-reproduction records for the use of the blind, which do not contain advertisements (a) when furnished by an organization, institution, or association not conducted for private profit, to a blind person without charge, shall be transmitted in the United States mails free of postage; (b) when furnished by an organization, institution, or association not conducted for private profit to a blind person at a price not greater than the cost price thereof, shall be transmitted in the United States mails at the

postage rate of 1 cent for each pound or fraction thereof; under such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe.

Shipment of U. S. property for repairs.

Reproducers for sound-reproduction records for the blind or parts thereof which are the property of the United States Government, when shipped for repair purposes by an organization, institution, public library, or association for the blind not conducted for private profit, or by a blind person to an agency not conducted for private profit, or from such an agency to an organization, institution, public library, or association for the blind not conducted for private profit, or to a blind person, may be transmitted through the mails at the rate of 1 cent per pound or fraction thereof; under such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe.

Discretionary extension of postage rate.

The Postmaster General may in his discretion extend this rate of 1 cent per pound or fraction thereof to reproducers for sound-reproduction records for the blind, or parts thereof, and, when mailed to be repaired or being returned after repair, to Braille writers and other appliances for the blind, or parts thereof, which are the property of State governments or subdivisions thereof, or of public libraries, or of private agencies for the blind not conducted for private profit, or of blind individuals, under such regulations as he may prescribe.

Mail classification.

All letters written in point print or raised characters or on sound-reproduction records used by the blind, when unsealed, shall be transmitted through the mails as third-class matter.

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[CHAPTER 438]

AN ACT

October 14, 1941
[H. R. 5202]

[Public Law 271]

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lives and health and morals of women and minor workers in the District of Columbia, and to establish a Minimum Wage Board, and define its powers and duties, and to provide for the fixing of minimum wages for such workers, and for other purposes", approved September 19, 1918.

District of Columbia minimum-wage law, amendments.
40 Stat. 960.
D. C. Code §§ 36-401 to 36-422.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an Act entitled "An Act to protect the lives and health and morals of women and minor workers in the District of Columbia, and to establish a Minimum Wage Board, and define its powers and duties, and to provide for the fixing of minimum wages for such workers, and for other purposes", approved September 19, 1918, is hereby amended as follows:

Name of Board.

The name of the "Minimum Wage Board" created by said Act is hereby changed to "Minimum Wage and Industrial Safety Board".

SEC. 2. Sections 1 to 23, inclusive, of said Act are hereby designated "TITLE I—MINIMUM WAGES".

SEC. 3. Immediately after Section 23 of said Act the following is added:

"TITLE II—INDUSTRIAL SAFETY

Purpose.

"SEC. 1. The purpose of this title is to foster, promote, and develop the safety of wage earners of the District of Columbia in relation to their working conditions.

"SEC. 2. When used in this title, the following words shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

"Employer."

"(a) 'Employer' includes every person, firm, corporation, partnership, stock association, agent, manager, representative, or foreman, or other persons having control or custody of any industrial employ-