than the United States. Each such general agent who in his capacity as such is an employer within the meaning of subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to all the requirements imposed upon an employer under this subchapter with respect to service which constitutes employment by reason of this subsection.”

Sec. 3. Nothing in the amendments made by this Act shall be construed as constituting officers and members of the crew of American vessels (1) owned by or bareboat chartered to the United States and (2) whose business is conducted by general agents of the Secretary of Commerce employees of such general agents except for the purposes of State unemployment compensation and temporary disability insurance laws and the Federal Unemployment Tax Act.

Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect as of July 1, 1953.

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CHAPTER 330

AN ACT

Amending the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 to provide for the appointment of persons to exercise temporarily the duties of certain offices of the House of Representatives.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended, is amended by adding after section 207 the following new section:

“Sec. 208. (a) In case of a vacancy, from whatever cause, in the office of Clerk, Sergeant at Arms, Doorkeeper, Postmaster, or Chaplain, of the House of Representatives, or in case of the incapacity or inability of the incumbent of any such office to perform the duties thereof, the Speaker of the House of Representatives may appoint a person to act as, and to exercise temporarily the duties of, Clerk, Sergeant at Arms, Doorkeeper, Postmaster, or Chaplain, as the case may be, until a person is chosen by the House of Representatives and duly qualifies as Clerk, Sergeant at Arms, Doorkeeper, Postmaster, or Chaplain, as the case may be, or until the termination of the incapacity or inability of the incumbent.

“(b) Any person appointed pursuant to this section shall exercise all the duties, shall have all the powers, and shall be subject to all the requirements and limitations applicable with respect to one chosen by the House of Representatives to fill the office involved; but nothing in this section shall be held to amend, repeal, or otherwise affect section 7 of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1943 (2 U. S. C., sec. 75a).

“(c) Any person appointed pursuant to this section shall be paid the compensation which he would receive if he were chosen by the House of Representatives to fill the office involved, unless such person is concurrently serving in any office or position the compensation for which is paid from the funds of the United States, in which case he shall receive no compensation for services rendered pursuant to his appointment under this section, and his compensation for performing the duties of such office other than the one to which he is appointed pursuant to this section shall be in full discharge for all services he performs for the United States while serving in such dual capacity.”

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