Public Law 85-375

AN ACT

To authorize the Interstate Commerce Commission to prescribe rules, standards, and instructions for the installation, inspection, maintenance, and repair of power or train brakes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) this Act may be cited as the "Power or Train Brakes Safety Appliance Act of 1958".

(b) Section 2 of the Safety Appliance Act of March 2, 1903 (32 Stat. 943, chapter 976, sec. 2; 45 U. S. C. 9), is amended (1) by changing the semicolon at the end of the third clause thereof to a period, (2) by striking the remaining language of the section, and (3) by adding at the end of that section the following new language: "One hundred and twenty days after the date of enactment of the Power or Train Brakes Safety Appliance Act of 1958, the Interstate Commerce Commission shall adopt and put into effect the rules, standards, and instructions of the Association of American Railroads, adopted in 1925 and revised in 1933, 1934, 1941, and 1953, with such revisions as may have been adopted prior to the enactment of such Act, for the installation, inspection, maintenance, and repair of all power or train brakes for common carriers engaged in interstate commerce by railroad. Such rules, standards, and instructions shall thereafter remain the rules, standards, and instructions for the installation, inspection, maintenance, and repair of all power or train brakes unless changed, after hearing, by order of the Interstate Commerce Commission: Provided, however, That such rules or standards or instructions or changes therein shall be promulgated solely for the purpose of achieving safety. The provisions and requirements of this section shall apply to all trains, locomotives, tenders, cars, and similar vehicles used, hauled, or permitted to be used or hauled, by any railroad engaged in interstate commerce. In the execution of this section, the Interstate Commerce Commission may utilize the services of the Association of American Railroads, and may avail itself of the advice and assistance of any department, commission, or board of the United States Government, and of State governments, but no official or employee of the United States shall receive any additional compensation for such service except as now permitted by law. Failure to comply with any rule, regulation, or requirement promulgated by the Interstate Commerce Commission pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be subject to the like penalty as failure to comply with any requirement of this section."

Approved April 11, 1958.

Public Law 85-376

AN ACT

To amend Public Law 85-56 to permit persons receiving retired pay for non-regular service to waive receipt of a portion of that pay to receive pensions or compensation under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1005 of Public Law 85-56, approved June 17, 1957 (71 Stat. 123), is amended to read as follows:
"Sec. 1005. Any person who is receiving retired or retirement pay under any provision of law providing retired or retirement pay to persons in any of the components of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, or Public Health Service, and who would be eligible to receive pension or compensation under the laws administered by the Veterans' Administration if he were not receiving such retired or retirement pay, shall be entitled to receive such pension or compensation upon the filing by such person with the department by which such retired or retirement pay is paid of a waiver of so much of this retired or retirement pay as is equal in amount to such pension or compensation. To prevent duplication of payments, the department with which any such waiver is filed shall notify the Veterans' Administration of the receipt of such waiver, the amount waived, and the effective date of the reduction in retired or retirement pay."

Sec. 2. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1958, or the first day of the month following enactment, whichever is later.

Approved April 11, 1958.

Public Law 85-377

AN ACT

To authorize the payment from the Employees' Life Insurance Fund of expenses incurred by the Civil Service Commission in making certain beneficial association assumption agreements and to extend the time for making such agreements.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5 (c) of the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Act of 1954 is amended by inserting before the colon preceding the proviso therein a comma and the following: "except that such fund shall be available, without regard to any such limitations, for payment of any such expenses incurred in assuming and maintaining the assets and liabilities of associations referred to in section 10".

Sec. 2. Section 10 (d) of the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Act of 1954 (5 U. S. C. 2099 (d)) is amended to read as follows:

"(d) The arrangements authorized by this section shall be made not later than three months following the date of enactment of this amendment. Such arrangements shall apply only to life insurance agreements existing on August 11, 1955, and on the date of the respective arrangement."

Approved April 11, 1958.

Public Law 85-378

AN ACT

To suspend for two years the duty on crude chicory and to amend the Tariff Act of 1890 as it relates to chicory.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the two-year period beginning the day following the date of enactment of this Act, no duty shall be imposed upon crude chicory (except endive).