

Public Law 87-612

JOINT RESOLUTION

August 28, 1962
[S. J. Res. 179]

Authorizing and requesting the President to designate April 21, 1963, as a day for observance of the courage displayed by the uprising in the Warsaw ghetto against the Nazis.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the twenty-first day of April 1963 is hereby marked in recognition of the astounding courage displayed by the uprising in the Warsaw ghetto against the Nazis. Through such uprising, the men, women, and children who met death on that tragic day and those who perished in concentration camps and in the gas chambers, symbolize the indestructible spirit of liberty which throughout history has ultimately triumphed against the forces of tyranny.

Warsaw ghetto day.

The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation inviting people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Proclamation authorization.

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AN ACT

August 28, 1962
[S. 2179]

To amend section 9(d) (1) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187; 43 U.S.C. 485), to make additional provision for irrigation blocks, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That after the execution of a contract pursuant to the authority of section 9(d) (1) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187; 43 U.S.C. 485), and prior to the commencement of the development period provided thereunder, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to amend such contract to provide for irrigation blocks, or if such are already provided, to add to or modify such irrigation blocks, as he shall deem desirable to carry out the purposes of that Act.

Reclamation Project Act of 1939, amendment.

53 Stat. 1193.
43 USC 485h.

SEC. 2. Section 9(d) (1) is amended by deleting the period at the end of the first sentence of said section and by adding the following: "*Provided further,* That when the Secretary, by contract or by notice given thereunder, shall have fixed a development period of less than ten years, and at any time thereafter but before commencement of the repayment period conditions arise which in the judgment of the Secretary would have justified the fixing of a longer period, he may amend such contract or notice to extend such development period to a date not to exceed ten years from its commencement, and in a case where no development period was provided, he may amend such contract within the same limits: *Provided further,* That when the Secretary shall have deferred the payment of all or any part of any installments of construction charges under any repayment contract pursuant to the authority of the Act of September 21, 1959 (73 Stat. 584), he may, at any time prior to the due date prescribed for the first installment not reduced by such deferment, and by agreement with the contracting organization, terminate the supplemental contract by which such deferment was effected, credit the construction payments made, and exercise the authority granted in this section."

Development period, extension.

43 USC 485b-1.

SEC. 3. In any repayment contract which provides for payment of construction charges by single annual installments, the Secretary may by agreement with the contracting organization amend such contract to provide for the payment of such annual installments in two parts on such dates in the calendar year as may best enable the contracting organization to meet its payments.

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AN ACT

To authorize the employment without compensation from the Government of readers for blind Government employees, and for other purposes.

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[H. R. 11523]

Blind Govern-
ment employees.
Readers.

63 Stat. 954.
5 USC 1071 note.

Conflict of in-
terest.
62 Stat. 793.
Definitions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the head of each department is authorized, in his discretion, to employ, without regard to the civil service laws and the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, a reading assistant or assistants for any blind employee of such department, to serve without compensation from such department.

(b) Each such reading assistant may be paid and receive compensation for his services as reading assistant by and from such blind employee or any nonprofit organization, without regard to section 1914 of title 18, United States Code.

(c) For the purposes of this Act, the term—

(1) “department” means—

(A) each executive department of the Federal Government;

(B) each agency or independent establishment in the executive branch of such Government;

(C) each corporation wholly owned or controlled by such Government;

(D) the General Accounting Office;

(E) the Library of Congress; and

(F) the municipal government of the District of Columbia;

(2) “head of each department”, with respect to the municipal government of the District of Columbia, means the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia;

(3) “blind employee” means an employee of a department who establishes, to the satisfaction of the appropriate authority of the department concerned and in accordance with regulations of the head of such department, that he has an impairment of sight, either permanent or temporary, which is so severe or disabling that the employment of a reading assistant or assistants for such employee is necessary or desirable to enable such employee properly to perform his work; and

(4) “nonprofit organization” means an organization determined by the Secretary of the Treasury to be an organization described in section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 which is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such Code.

(d) This Act shall not be held or considered to prevent or limit in any way the assignment to a blind employee by a department of clerical or secretarial assistance, at the expense of such department and in accordance with laws and regulations currently applicable at the time, if such assistance normally is provided, or authorized to be provided, in such manner in accordance with currently applicable laws and regulations.

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68A Stat. 163.