Public Law 93-30

JOINT RESOLUTION

To authorize and request the President to issue a proclamation designating the calendar week beginning May 6, 1973, as "National Historic Preservation Week".

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation—

(1) designating the calendar week beginning May 6, 1973, as "National Historic Preservation Week"; and

(2) urging Federal, State, and local government agencies, as well as citizens and private organizations, especially the preservation organizations, historical societies, and related groups, to observe that week with educational efforts, ceremonies, and other appropriate activities which—

(a) are designed to call public attention to the urgent need to have our historic landmarks for the enjoyment and edification of the citizens of this Nation, present and future; and

(b) will demonstrate lasting respect for this unique heritage.


Public Law 93-31

AN ACT

To amend section 236 of the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act of 1964 for Certain Employees to limit the number of employees that may be retired under such Act during specified periods.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 236 of the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act of 1964 for Certain Employees, as amended (78 Stat. 1043; 50 U.S.C. 403 note), is amended by (1) striking out "eight hundred" and inserting in lieu thereof "twenty-one hundred", and (2) striking out the period at the end of such section and inserting in lieu thereof a comma and the following: "nor a total of fifteen hundred during the period beginning on July 1, 1974, and ending on June 30, 1979."


Public Law 93-32

AN ACT

To amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, to establish a Rural Electrification and Telephone Revolving Fund to provide adequate funds for rural electric and telephone systems through insured and guaranteed loans at interest rates which will allow them to achieve the objectives of the Act, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it is hereby declared to be the policy of the Congress that adequate funds should be made available to rural electric and telephone systems through direct, insured and guaranteed loans at interest rates which will allow them to achieve the objectives of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, and that such rural electric and telephone systems should
be encouraged and assisted to develop their resources and ability to achieve the financial strength needed to enable them to satisfy their credit needs from their own financial organizations and other sources at reasonable rates and terms consistent with the loan applicant’s ability to pay and achievement of the Act’s objectives. The Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended (7 U.S.C. 901-950(b)), is therefore further amended as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. Title III of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, is amended by striking out all of sections 301 and 302 and inserting in lieu thereof the following new sections:

"Sec. 301. RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELEPHONE REVOLVING FUND.—(a) There is hereby established in the Treasury of the United States a fund, to be known as the Rural Electrification and Telephone Revolving Fund (hereinafter referred to as the ‘fund’), consisting of:

"1) all notes, bonds, obligations, liens, mortgages, and property delivered or assigned to the Administrator pursuant to loans heretofore or hereafter made under sections 4, 5, and 201 of this Act and under this title, as of the effective date of this title, as revised herein, and all proceeds from the sales hereunder of such notes, bonds, obligations, liens, mortgages, and property, which shall be transferred to and be assets of the fund;

"2) undisbursed balances of electric and telephone loans made under sections 4, 5, and 201, which as of the effective date of this title, as revised herein, shall be transferred to and be assets of the fund;

"3) notwithstanding section 3(a) of title I, all collections of principal and interest received on and after July 1, 1972, on notes, bonds, judgments, or other obligations made or held under titles I and II of this Act and under this title, except for net collection proceeds previously appropriated for the purchase of class A stock in the Rural Telephone Bank, which shall be paid into and be assets of the fund;

"4) all appropriations for interest subsidies and losses required under this title which may hereafter be made by the Congress;

"5) moneys borrowed from the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to section 304(a); and

"6) shares of the capital stock of the Rural Telephone Bank purchased by the United States pursuant to section 406(a) of this Act and moneys received from said bank upon retirement of said shares of stock in accordance with the provisions of title IV of this Act, which said shares and moneys shall be assets of the fund.

"Sec. 302. LIABILITIES AND USES OF FUND.—(a) The notes of the Administrator to the Secretary of the Treasury to obtain funds for loans under sections 4, 5, and 201 of this Act, and all other liabilities against the appropriations or assets in the fund in connection with electrification and telephone loan operations shall be liabilities of the fund, and all other obligations against such appropriations or assets in the fund arising out of electrification and telephone loan operations shall be obligations of the fund.
"(b) The assets of the fund shall be available only for the following purposes:

"(1) loans which could be insured under this title, and for advances in connection with such loans and loans previously made, as of the effective date of this title, as revised herein, under sections 4, 5, and 201 of this Act;

"(2) payment of principal when due (without interest) on outstanding loans to the Administrator from the Secretary of the Treasury for electrification and telephone purposes pursuant to section 3(a) of this Act and payment of principal and interest when due on loans to the Administrator from the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to section 304(a) of this title;

"(3) payment of amounts to which the holder of notes is entitled on insured loans: Provided, That payments other than final payments need not be remitted to the holder until due or until the next agreed annual, semiannual, or quarterly remittance date;

"(4) payment to the holder of insured notes of any defaulted installment or, upon assignment of the note to the Administrator at his request, the entire balance due on the note;

"(5) purchase of notes in accordance with contracts of insurance entered into by the Administrator;

"(6) payment in compliance with contracts of guarantee;

"(7) payment of taxes, insurance, prior liens, expenses necessary to make fiscal adjustments in connection with the application, and transmittal of collections or necessary to obtain credit reports on applicants or borrowers, expenses for necessary services, including construction inspections, commercial appraisals, loan servicing, consulting business advisory or other commercial and technical services, and other program services, and other expenses and advances authorized in section 7 of this Act in connection with insured loans. Such items may be paid in connection with guaranteed loans after or in connection with the acquisition of such loans or security thereof after default, to the extent determined to be necessary to protect the interest of the Government, or in connection with any other activity authorized in this Act;

"(8) payment of the purchase price and any costs and expenses incurred in connection with the purchase, acquisition, or operation of property pursuant to section 7 of this Act.

"Sec. 303. Deposit of Fund Moneys.—Moneys in the fund shall remain on deposit in the Treasury of the United States until disbursed.

"Sec. 304. Financial Transactions of the Fund.—(a) The Administrator is authorized to make and issue interim notes to the Secretary of the Treasury for the purpose of obtaining funds necessary for discharging obligations of the fund and for making loans, advances and authorized expenditures out of the fund. Such notes shall be in such form and denominations and have such maturities and be subject to such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the
Administrator and the Secretary of the Treasury. Such notes shall bear interest at a rate fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, taking into consideration the current average market yield of outstanding marketable obligations of the United States having maturities comparable to the notes issued by the Administrator under this section. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to purchase any notes of the Administrator issued hereunder, and, for that purpose, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to use as a public debt transaction the proceeds from the sale of any securities issued under the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, and the purposes for which such securities may be issued under such Act, as amended, are extended to include the purchase of notes issued by the Administrator. All redemptions, purchases, and sales by the Secretary of the Treasury of such notes shall be treated as public debt transactions of the United States: Provided, however, That such interim notes to the Secretary of the Treasury shall not be included in the totals of the budget of the United States Government and shall be exempt from any general limitation imposed by statute on expenditures and net lending (budget outlays) of the United States.

"(b) The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to purchase for resale obligations insured through the fund when offered by the Administrator. Such resales shall be upon such terms and conditions as the Secretary of the Treasury shall determine. Purchases and resales by the Secretary of the Treasury hereunder shall not be included in the totals of the budget of the United States Government and shall be exempt from any general limitation imposed by statute on expenditures and net lending (budget outlays) of the United States.

"(c) The Administrator may, on an insured basis or otherwise, sell and assign any notes in the fund or sell certificates of beneficial ownership therein to the Secretary of the Treasury or in the private market. Any sale by the Administrator of notes individually or in blocks shall be treated as a sale of assets for the purposes of the Budget and Accounting Act, 1921, notwithstanding the fact that the Administrator, under an agreement with the purchaser or purchasers, holds the debt instruments evidencing the loans and holds or reinvests payments thereon as trustee and custodian for the purchaser or purchasers of the individual note or of the certificate of beneficial ownership in a number of such notes. Security instruments taken by the Administrator in connection with any notes in the fund may constitute liens running to the United States notwithstanding the fact that such notes may be thereafter held by purchasers thereof.

"SEC. 305. INSURED LOANS; INTEREST RATES AND LENDING LEVELS.—

(a) The Administrator is authorized to make insured loans under this title and at the interest rates hereinafter provided to the full extent of the assets available in the fund, subject only to limitations as to amounts authorized for loans and advances as may be from time to time imposed by the Congress of the United States for loans to be made in any one year, which amounts shall remain available until expended: Provided, That the Congress in the annual appropriation Act may also authorize the transfer of any excess cash in the fund for deposit into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts: And provided further, That any such loans and advances shall not be included in the totals of the budget of the United States Government and shall be exempt from any general limitation imposed by statute on expenditures and net lending (budget outlays) of the United States.
“(b) Insured loans made under this title shall bear interest at either 2 per centum per annum (hereinafter called the ‘special rate’), or 5 per centum per annum (hereinafter called the ‘standard rate’). Loans bearing the special rate shall be available only for an electric or telephone borrower which meets either of the following conditions:

“(1) has an average consumer or subscriber density of two or fewer per mile, or

“(2) has an average gross revenue per mile which is at least $450 below the average gross revenue per mile of REA-financed electric systems, in the case of electric borrowers, or at least $300 below the average gross revenue per mile of REA-financed telephone systems, in the case of telephone borrowers: Provided, however, That the Administrator may, in his sole discretion, make a loan at the special rate if he finds that the borrower:

“(A) has experienced extenuating circumstances or extreme hardship; or

“(B) cannot, in accordance with generally accepted management and accounting principles, produce net income or margins before interest at least equal to 150 per centum of its total interest requirements on all outstanding and proposed loans with an interest rate greater than 2 per centum per annum on the entire current loan, and still meet the objectives of the Act, or

“(C) cannot, in accordance with generally accepted management and accounting principles and without an excessive increase in the rates charged by such borrowers to their consumers or subscribers, provide service consistent with the objectives of the Act.

“(c) Loans made under this section shall be insured by the Administrator when purchased by a lender. As used in this Act, an insured loan is one which is made, held, and serviced by the Administrator, and sold and insured by the Administrator hereunder; such loans shall be sold and insured by the Administrator without undue delay.

“SEC. 306. GUARANTEED LOANS; ACCOMMODATION AND SUBORDINATION OF LIENS.—The Administrator may provide financial assistance to borrowers for purposes provided in the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, by guaranteeing loans, in the full amount thereof, made by the Rural Telephone Bank, National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, and any other legally organized lending agency, or by accommodating or subordinating liens or mortgages in the fund held by the Administrator as owner or as trustee or custodian for purchases of notes from the fund, or by any combination of such guarantee, accommodation, or subordination. No fees or charges shall be assessed for any such guarantee, accommodation, or subordination. Guaranteed loans shall bear interest at the rate agreed upon by the borrower and the lender. Guaranteed loans, and accommodation and subordination of liens or mortgages, may be made concurrently with a loan insured at the standard rate. The amount of guaranteed loans shall be subject only to such limitations as to amounts as may be authorized from time to time by the Congress of the United States: Provided, That any amounts guaranteed hereunder shall not be included in the totals of the budget of the United States Government and shall be exempt from any general limitation imposed by statute on expenditures and net lending (budget outlays) of the United States. As used in this title a guaranteed loan is one which is made, held, and serviced by a legally organized lending agency and which is guaranteed by the Administrator hereunder.
"Sec. 307. Other Financing.—When it appears to the Administrator that the loan applicant is able to obtain a loan for part of his credit needs from a responsible cooperative or other credit source at reasonable rates and terms consistent with the loan applicant's ability to pay and the achievement of the Act's objectives, he may request the loan applicant to apply for and accept such a loan concurrently with a loan insured at the standard rate, subject, however, to full use being made by the Administrator of the funds made available hereunder for such insured loans under this title.

"Sec. 308. Full Faith and Credit of the United States.—Any contract of insurance or guarantee executed by the Administrator under this title shall be an obligation supported by the full faith and credit of the United States and incontestable except for fraud or misrepresentation of which the holder has actual knowledge.

"Sec. 309. Loan Terms and Conditions.—Loans made from or insured through the fund shall be for the same purposes and on the same terms and conditions as are provided for loans in titles I and II inclusive.

"Sec. 310. Refinancing of Rural Development Act Loans.—At the request of the borrower, the Administrator is authorized and directed to refinance with loans which will be insured under this Act at the interest rates provided in section 305 any loans made for rural electric and telephone facilities under any provision of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act."

Sec. 3. Section 3(f) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. 4. Section 405 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, is further amended by striking subsection (e) in its entirety and by inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (e), as follows:

“(e) Thereafter, the cooperative-type entities and organizations holding class B and class C stock, voting as a separate class, shall elect three directors to represent their class by a majority vote of the stockholders voting in such class; and the commercial-type entities and organizations holding class B and class C stock, voting as a separate class, shall elect three directors to represent their class by a majority vote of the stockholders voting in such class. Limited proxy voting may be permitted, as authorized by the bylaws of the telephone bank. Cumulative voting shall not be permitted.”

Sec. 5. The second sentence of section 406(a) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, is further amended by striking “from net collection proceeds in the rural telephone account created under title III of this Act” immediately after the word “appropriated”.

Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 407 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, is amended by striking out “eight” in the second sentence and inserting in lieu thereof “twenty”, and by striking out all of the third sentence.

Sec. 7. Section 407 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, is amended by adding a new subsection (c) as follows:

“(c) Purchases and resales by the Secretary of the Treasury as authorized in subsection (b) of this section shall not be included in the totals of the budget of the United States Government and shall be exempt from any general limitation imposed by statute on expenditures and net lending (budget outlays) of the United States.”

Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 408 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, is amended (a) by inserting the words “or
which have been certified by the Administrator to be eligible for such a loan or loan commitment," immediately following the term "this Act," where it first appears; and (b) by adding at the end thereof the following sentence: "Loans and advances made under this section shall not be included in the totals of the budget of the United States Government and shall be exempt from any general limitation imposed by statute on expenditures and net lending (budget outlays) of the United States.

SEC. 9. Subsection (b) of section 408 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, is amended by striking out all of paragraph (3) and inserting in lieu thereof a new paragraph (3) reading: "(3) Loans under this section shall bear interest at the 'cost of money rate'. The cost of money rate is defined as the average cost of moneys to the telephone bank as determined by the Governor, but not less than 5 per centum per annum."

SEC. 10. No funds provided under the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, shall be used outside the United States or any of its territories.

SEC. 11. The right to repeal, alter, or amend this Act is expressly reserved.

SEC. 12. This Act shall take effect upon enactment.


Public Law 93-33

AN ACT

To provide for the striking of medals in commemoration of Roberto Walker Clemente.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in recognition of the outstanding athletic, civic, charitable, and humanitarian contributions of Roberto Walker Clemente, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to strike and furnish to the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, (1) one gold medal, to be awarded at the discretion of such organization, with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by such organization subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, and (2) not more than two hundred thousand duplicate medals of sizes and alloys to be determined by such organization subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to be made and delivered at such times as may be required by such organization in quantities of not less than two thousand. Any profits derived by such organization from the sale of such medals shall be contributed by such organization to the Roberto Clemente Memorial Fund, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The medals are national medals within the meaning of section 3551 of the Revised Statutes (31 U.S.C. 368).

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury shall cause such medals to be struck and furnished at not less than the estimated cost of manufacture, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses, and security satisfactory to the Director of the Mint, shall be furnished to indemnify the United States for the full payment of such costs.

SEC. 3. No medals shall be made under the authority of this Act after December 31, 1974.