

February 7, 1920.

[S. 3418.]

[Public, No. 131.]

CHAP. 61.—An Act To amend an Act entitled “An Act to provide for the lading or unlading of vessels at night, the preliminary entry of vessels, and for other purposes,” approved February 13, 1911.

Customs.
Lading and unlading vessels at night, etc.
Vol. 36, p. 901, amended.

Extra pay to inspectors, etc., for overtime service at night and holidays.

Passengers' baggage added.

Rates increased.

Payment to collector by master, etc.

Provisos.
Pay due if reporting for duty.

Boarding officers, etc., may administer oaths.

Extra pay for services at night, etc.

Working hours of port to control, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 5 of an Act entitled “An Act to provide for the lading or unlading of vessels at night, the preliminary entry of vessels, and for other purposes,” approved February 13, 1911, be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 5. That the Secretary of the Treasury shall fix a reasonable rate of extra compensation for overtime services of inspectors, storekeepers, weighers, and other customs officers and employees who may be required to remain on duty between the hours of five o'clock postmeridian and eight o'clock antemeridian, or on Sundays or holidays, to perform services in connection with the lading or unlading of cargo, or the lading of cargo or merchandise for transportation in bond or for exportation in bond or for exportation with benefit of drawback, or in connection with the receiving or delivery of cargo on or from the wharf, or in connection with the unlading, receiving, or examination of passengers' baggage, such rates to be fixed on the basis of one-half day's additional pay for each two hours or fraction thereof of at least one hour that the overtime extends beyond five o'clock postmeridian (but not to exceed two and one-half days' pay for the full period from five o'clock postmeridian to eight o'clock antemeridian), and two additional days' pay for Sunday or holiday duty. The said extra compensation shall be paid by the master, owner, agent, or consignee of such vessel or other conveyance whenever such special license or permit for immediate lading or unlading or for lading or unlading at night or on Sundays or holidays shall be granted to the collector of customs, who shall pay the same to the several customs officers and employees entitled thereto according to the rates fixed therefor by the Secretary of the Treasury: *Provided*, That such extra compensation shall be paid if such officers or employees have been ordered to report for duty and have so reported, whether the actual lading, unlading, receiving, delivery, or examination takes place or not. Customs officers acting as boarding officers and any customs officer who may be designated for that purpose by the collector of customs are hereby authorized to administer the oath or affirmation herein provided for, and such boarding officers shall be allowed extra compensation for services in boarding vessels at night or on Sundays or holidays at the rates prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury as herein provided, the said extra compensation to be paid by the master, owner, agent, or consignee of such vessel: *Provided further*, That in those ports where customary working hours are other than those hereinabove mentioned, the Collector of Customs is vested with authority to regulate the hours of customs employees so as to agree with prevailing working hours in said ports, but nothing contained in this proviso shall be construed in any manner to affect or alter the length of a working day for customs employees or the overtime pay herein fixed.”

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CHAP. 62.—An Act To authorize the incorporated town of Ketchikan, Alaska, to issue bonds for the construction and equipment of schools therein, and for other purposes.

Ketchikan, Alaska.
May issue bonds for schoolhouse.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the incorporated town of Ketchikan, Alaska, is hereby authorized and empowered to

issue its bonds in any sum not exceeding \$100,000 for the purpose of constructing a schoolhouse in said town and equipping the same.

SEC. 2. That before said bonds shall be issued a special election shall be ordered by the common council of the town of Ketchikan, at which election the question of whether such bonds shall be issued shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said town of Ketchikan. Thirty days' notice of any such election shall be given by publication thereof in a newspaper printed and published and of general circulation in said town before the day fixed for such election.

Special election to authorize.

SEC. 3. That the registration for such election, the manner of conducting the same, and the canvass of the returns of said election shall be, as nearly as practicable, in accordance with the requirements of law in general or special elections in said municipality, and said bonds shall be issued only upon the condition that a majority of the votes cast at such election in said town shall be in favor of issuing said bonds.

Conduct of election.

SEC. 4. That the bonds above specified, when authorized to be issued as hereinbefore provided, shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6 per centum per annum, payable annually, and shall not be sold for less than their par value with accrued interest, and shall be in denominations not exceeding \$1,000 each, the principal to be due in fifteen years from the date thereof: *Provided, however,* That the common council of the said town of Ketchikan may reserve the right to pay off said bonds in their numerical order at the rate of \$10,000 or less thereof per annum at any interest period: *Provided further,* That on all bonds paid off the first year after date there shall be paid a premium of 2½ per centum, on all bonds paid off the second year a premium of 2 per centum, on all bonds paid off the third year a premium of 1½ per centum, and on all bonds paid off the fourth year a premium of 1 per centum besides interest. Principal and interest shall be paid in lawful money of the United States of America, at the office of the town treasurer of the town of Ketchikan, Alaska, or at such other place as may be designated by the common council of the town of Ketchikan; the place of payment to be mentioned in said bonds: *And provided further,* That each and every such bond shall have the written signature of the mayor and clerk of said town of Ketchikan, and also bear the seal of said town.

Interest rate, sale, etc.

Provisos.
Redemption.

Premium bond payments.

Payment of principal and interest.

Signatures and seal required.

Use of funds restricted.

Sale of bonds.

SEC. 5. That no part of the funds arising from the sale of said bonds shall be used for any purpose other than that specified in this Act. Said bonds shall be sold only in such amounts as the common council shall direct, and the proceeds thereof shall be disbursed by the school board of such town under the limitations hereinbefore imposed and under the direction of said common council from time to time as the same may be required for the purposes aforesaid.

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CHAP. 64.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War to loan Army rifles to posts of the American Legion.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized, under rules, limitations, and regulations to be prescribed by him, to loan obsolete or condemned Army rifles to posts of the American Legion for use by them in connection with the funeral ceremonies of deceased soldiers, sailors, and marines, and for other post ceremonial purposes; and to sell to such posts blank ammunition in suitable amounts for said rifles at cost price, plus cost of packing and transportation: *Provided, however,* That not to exceed ten such rifles shall be issued to any one post.

American Legion.
Army rifles to be loaned to.
Post, p. 977.

Blank ammunition at cost.
Proviso.
Limitation.

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