

84TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 10729

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 1956

Mr. FOGARTY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937 to provide increases in benefits, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 That (a) section 3 (a) of the Railroad Retirement Act
4 of 1937 is amended by striking out "2.76", "2.07", and
5 "1.38" and inserting in lieu thereof "3.18", "2.38", and
6 "1.59", respectively.

7 (b) So much of section 3 (e) of such Act as precedes
8 "*Provided, however*" is amended to read as follows: "(e)
9 In the case of an individual having a current connection
10 with the railroad industry, the minimum annuity payable
11 shall, before any reduction pursuant to section 2 (a) 3, be

1 whichever of the following is the least: (1) \$4.76 multi-
 2 plied by the number of his years of service or (2) \$79.35;
 3 or (3) his monthly compensation.”

4 SEC. 2. (a) The first sentence of section 5 (f) (2) of
 5 the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937 is amended by strik-
 6 ing out “and 7 per centum of his or her compensation after
 7 December 31, 1946 (exclusive in both cases of compen-
 8 sation in excess of \$300 for any month before July 1, 1954,
 9 and in the latter case in excess of \$350 for any month after
 10 June 30, 1954)”, and inserting in lieu thereof “7 per
 11 centum of his or her compensation paid after December 31,
 12 1946, and prior to July 1, 1956, and 8 per centum of
 13 his or her compensation paid after June 30, 1956 (exclu-
 14 sive of compensation in excess of \$300 for any month before
 15 July 1, 1954, and in excess of \$350 for any month after
 16 June 30, 1954)”.

17 (b) Section 5 (h) of such Act is amended by striking
 18 out “\$30”, “\$160”, and “\$14” wherever they appear and
 19 inserting in lieu thereof “\$34.50”, “\$184”, and “\$16.10”,
 20 respectively.

21 (c) Section 5 (l) (10) of such Act is amended by
 22 striking out “40”, “10”, “\$14”, “\$33.33”, “\$25”, and
 23 “\$13.33” wherever they appear and inserting in lieu thereof
 24 “46”, “11½”, “\$16.10”, “\$38.33”, “\$28.75”, and “\$15.33”,
 25 respectively.

1 SEC. 3. All pensions under section 6 of the Railroad
2 Retirement Act, all joint and survivor annuities and survivor
3 annuities deriving from joint and survivor annuities under
4 that Act awarded before July 1, 1956, and all annuities
5 under the Railroad Retirement Act of 1935 are increased
6 by 15 per centum.

7 SEC. 4. (a) Sections 3201, 3202 (a), 3211, and 3221
8 of the Railroad Retirement Tax Act are each amended by
9 striking out "after December 31, 1954" wherever it appears
10 and inserting in lieu thereof "after June 30, 1956", and by
11 striking out "after 1954" and inserting in lieu thereof "after
12 June 1956".

13 (b) (1) Sections 3201 and 3221 of such Act are each
14 amended by striking out "6 $\frac{1}{4}$ percent" and inserting in lieu
15 thereof "7 $\frac{1}{4}$ percent".

16 (2) Section 3211 of such Act is amended by striking
17 out "12 $\frac{1}{2}$ percent" and inserting in lieu thereof "14 $\frac{1}{2}$ percent".

18 SEC. 5. Sections 3201 and 3211 of the Railroad Retire-
19 ment Tax Act are each further amended by adding at the
20 end thereof the following new sentence: "Notwithstanding
21 any other provision of law, the amount of the tax imposed on
22 the income of any individual by this section shall be excluded
23 from such individual's gross income for purposes of chapter
24 1 and from such individual's 'wages' for purposes of chapter
25 24."

1 SEC. 6. (a) The amendments made by the first section
 2 of this Act and by subsection (b) of section 2 shall be
 3 effective only with respect to annuities (not including annui-
 4 ties to which section 3 applies) accruing for months after
 5 June 1956. The amendments made by subsection (c) of
 6 section 2 shall be effective only with respect to annuities
 7 accruing for months after June 1956 and lump-sum pay-
 8 ments (under section 5 (f) (1) of the Railroad Retire-
 9 ment Act of 1937) in the case of deaths occurring after
 10 June 1956. Section 3 shall be effective only with respect
 11 to pensions due in calendar months after July 1956 and
 12 annuities accruing for months after June 1956.

13 (b) The amendments made by sections 4 shall be effec-
 14 tive only with respect to compensation paid after June 30,
 15 1956, for services rendered after such date. The amend-
 16 ments made by section 5 shall apply with respect to taxable
 17 years ending after June 30, 1956, but only with respect to
 18 compensation paid after such date for services rendered
 19 after such date.

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