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Congressman John E. Fogarty today introduced a bill in the House of Representatives providing for increased retirement annuities for federal employees engaged in hazardous duties. His bill amends the Civil Service Retirement Act by increasing to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per centum the multiplication factor for determining the annuities on such employees. Historically, enforcement agents who were considered to be performing hazardous work had always been afforded additional retirement benefits. However, during the last session of Congress legislation increasing such benefits for all federal employees did not provide a commensurate increase for persons in hazardous employment. Types of personnel in Rhode Island who would be affected by Congressman Fogarty's bill are:

- F.B.I. agents
- Narcotics Inspectors
- Alcohol Tax Investigators
- Field Deputy Marshalls
- Post Office Inspectors on criminal cases
- Customs Investigators on criminal work
- Immigration Investigators on criminal work

Prior to 1956 enforcement officers and others engaged in hazardous work had their retirement annuities figured on 2% of their average highest five years salaries while other civil service workers annuities were based on  $1\frac{1}{2}$ %. Under Public Law 854, effective October 1, 1956 regular civil service workers had their multiplication factors raised to 2% and enforcement employees were left at the old figure. Fogarty's bill will increase the factor for hazardous workers to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ % and continue the added incentive which recognizes the dangers and hazards of their work.