H. R. 286

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
JANUARY 5, 1955

Mr. Osmers introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL
To provide a system of scholarships for persons of unusual ability in certain sciences.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3 That this Act may be cited as the "Defense Scholarships Act
4 of 1955".

5 SEC. 2. As used in this Act—
6 (a) the term "Commissioner" means the United States
7 Commissioner of Education;
8 (b) the term "educational institution" means any pub-
9 lic or nonprofit tax-exempt junior college, technical institute;
10 college, university, research institution, or other educational
institution which offers education or training at the college or
graduate school level; and

(c) the terms "scholarship" and "Defense Scholarship"
are synonymous, and mean a scholarship awarded under this
Act.

Sec. 3. (a) The Commissioner shall, at least annually,
conduct a competitive examination in each congressional
district in each State and in the District of Columbia, Alaska,
Hawaii, and Puerto Rico, which shall be open to all citizens
of the United States who are residents of the area in which
the examination is conducted, and who have completed their
education through at least the eleventh grade. Each such
examination (1) shall be prepared by the Commissioner with
a view to determining ability and aptitude in the fields of
engineering, physics, chemistry, and other sciences closely
related to engineering, physics, or chemistry; (2) shall be
open to all individuals without regard to race, religion,
color, sex, national origin, or ancestry, and (3) shall,
insofar as is practicable, be given in each area on the same
day.

(b) As soon as is practicable after the date on which
such examinations have been given, the Commissioner shall
determine the names of the individuals who have passed such
examinations. The Commissioner shall notify each individ-
ual who took an examination what his grade was on the
examination, and whether such grade is a passing grade or not.

(c) After each examination has been conducted, the Commissioner shall determine the names of the individuals who are eligible for a scholarship as follows:

First, he shall determine with respect to each congressional district which is not represented in Congress by a Representative at Large, the names of the four individuals who made the highest grades on such examination, and each such individual shall be eligible for a Defense Scholarship.

Second, he shall determine, with respect to each State, the names of the individuals who (1) made the highest grade on such examination and (2) are not eligible for a scholarship under the preceding paragraph. Of the individuals whose names are determined under this paragraph and who made the highest grades on such examination, a number equal to four times the number of Representatives at Large and Senators from such State shall be eligible for a Defense Scholarship.

Third, he shall determine, with respect to the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico, the names of the two individuals who made the highest grades on such examination in each such area, and each such individual shall be eligible for a Defense Scholarship.

Fourth, he shall determine, with respect to all indi-
individuals who took such examination, the names of the four hundred individuals who (1) made the highest grades on such examination and (2) are not eligible for a scholarship under any of the preceding paragraphs, and each such individual shall be eligible for a Defense Scholarship.

(d) (1) If any individual who is entitled to receive an original award of a scholarship under the first, second, or third paragraphs of subsection (c) does not receive a scholarship, the individual—

(A) who took the same examination in the same area as the individual who did not receive such scholarship;

(B) who is not otherwise eligible under subsection (c) for a scholarship; and

(C) who made the highest grade on such examination of those made by the individuals in such area who are not otherwise eligible for a scholarship;

shall be eligible for a Defense Scholarship.

(2) If any individual who is entitled to receive an original award of a scholarship under the fourth paragraph of subsection (c) does not receive a scholarship, the individual—

(A) who made the highest grade on such examination of all individuals who took such examination; and

(B) who is not otherwise eligible for a scholarship;

shall be eligible for a scholarship.
SEC. 5. (a) The Commissioner shall notify each individual who is eligible for a scholarship, and if such individual so elects, he shall be granted a scholarship for study, at the college or graduate level, as may be appropriate, of subjects in the fields of engineering, physics, chemistry, or sciences closely related to engineering, physics, or chemistry. The original award of a scholarship in each case shall be for one academic year, but at the end of such year and at the end of each succeeding academic year in which such individual has held a scholarship, his scholarship may be renewed for an additional academic year if, in the opinion of the Commissioner, his academic progress and proposed plan of study warrant such renewal.

(b) Whenever the Commissioner finds that an individual who is receiving a scholarship is failing to maintain satisfactory standards of academic progress, the Commissioner may suspend the scholarship of such individual, or revoke the scholarship, as circumstances may warrant.

SEC. 6. (a) The Commissioner shall from time to time prepare and publish a list of educational institutions approved for attendance by individuals holding scholarships. Approval of an educational institution shall be granted, withdrawn, or withheld, solely on the basis of the educational institution's proficiency in educating its students in scientific courses.

(b) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize
1. the Commissioner or any other officer or employee of the
2. United States to exercise any direction, supervision, or con-
3. trol over the personnel, administration, curriculum, or pro-
4. grams of instruction at any educational institution.

5. Sec. 7. (a) Each individual who holds a scholarship
6. awarded or renewed under this Act may select the educa-
7. tional institution at which he will pursue his education from
8. the list of educational institutions approved by the Com-
9. missioner.

10. (b) The Commissioner shall pay to the educational
11. institution, for each person holding a scholarship and enrolled
12. in that educational institution, the customary cost of tuition,
13. and such laboratory, library, health, infirmary; and other
14. similar fees as are customarily charged, and shall pay for
15. books, supplies, equipment, and other necessary expenses
16. (exclusive of board, lodging, other living expenses, and
17. travel), as are generally required for the successful pursuit
18. and completion of the course by other students in the educa-
19. tional institution; however, in no event shall such payments,
20. with respect to any individual, exceed $1,000 for an academic
21. year.

22. (c) The Commissioner shall pay to each individual who
23. holds a scholarship awarded or renewed under this Act a
24. subsistence allowance, in equal monthly installments, in the
25. amounts determined under this subsection. The Commis-
sioner shall determine the amount of each such monthly installment by determining in advance of the academic year the amount which will be paid with respect to such individual to an educational institution under subsection (b), deducting that amount from $1,000, and dividing the sum thus obtained by the number of months in the academic year. The Commissioner shall redetermine such amount from time to time, wherever necessary to prevent the total of payments made to, and with respect to, any individual under this subsection and subsection (b) from exceeding $1,000 with respect to any academic year.

Sec. 8. Each individual who holds a scholarship under this Act shall, so long as he holds such scholarship, be deferred from induction for training and service in the Armed Forces and from training in the National Security Training Corps under the Universal Military Training and Service Act.
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