

ACTS, 1983. - Chaps. 583, 584.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The state treasurer, subject to appropriation, is hereby authorized and directed to expend a sum not to exceed two thousand four hundred dollars for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a commemorative plaque to be placed in the state house in honor of Edwin Garrison Walker, a state representative from the Charlestown district of the city of Boston and Charles L. Mitchell, a state representative from the city of Boston, the first Afro-Americans elected as state representatives.

Approved December 16, 1983.

Chap. 583. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 69B of chapter 41 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 9 of chapter 766 of the acts of 1971, is hereby further amended by striking out the fifth sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- If in any fiscal year there should be a net surplus remaining after providing for the aforesaid charges and for the payment of any such reimbursement in full, such surplus may be appropriated for such new construction, extraordinary maintenance, or repairs, as the water commissioners, or selectmen authorized to act as such, with the approval of the town, may determine upon; and in case a net surplus should remain after payment for such new construction, extraordinary maintenance, or repairs, the water rates shall be reduced proportionately.

Approved December 16, 1983.

Chap. 584. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE OPERATION OF THE BOARD OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 23C of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 3, as appearing in section 235 of chapter 351 of the acts of 1981, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-
Section 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or

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special law to the contrary, the chairman of the board of conciliation and arbitration shall, subject to appropriation, appoint and have power to remove, a vice chairman and such mediators, investigators, arbitrators, and other employees and individuals as are necessary for the operation of the board, and may utilize such voluntary and uncompensated services, as may from time to time be needed and said chairman shall assign duties and responsibilities to such individuals. In the absence of the chairman, the vice chairman shall have the duties and responsibilities of the chairman. The employees of the board and the employees of the joint labor management committee, established under the provisions of section four A of chapter one thousand and seventy-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-eight, and the employees of any other joint labor management committee established under the provisions of any other general or special law, may be interchanged for the purposes of resolving a particular labor dispute in the most efficient and expeditious manner, and assigned various duties and responsibilities at the discretion of said chairman after consultation with the chairman of the joint labor management committee which is involved in the interchange.

Approved December 16, 1983.

Chap. 585. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RIGHTS OF DEAF PEOPLE AND USE OF DOGS TO ASSIST SUCH PERSONS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 84A of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 805 of the acts of 1974, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word "eighty-four H" and inserting in place thereof the word: - eighty-four I.

SECTION 1A. Section 84E of said chapter 6, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: - The office shall serve as the principal agency of the commonwealth to advocate, provide, and coordinate public policies, regulations, and programs which shall improve the quality of existing services for the deaf and promote the development of new services when necessary.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 6 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 84H the following section: -

Section 84I. The office shall purchase, pursuant to sections fifty-one and fifty-two of chapter thirty, telecommunication