1953

April 11: Reorganization Plan No. 1 abolished Federal Security Agency and transferred all its powers and functions to Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

May: With approval of Nevada's plan for aid to the blind, all 53 jurisdictions administering such programs.

August 14: Old-age and survivors insurance wage credits of $160 a month provided for active military service performed after 1953 and before July 1, 1955.

1954

January 1: Old-age and survivors insurance contribution rates increased to 2 percent each for employers and employees.

June 16: Railroad Retirement Act amended to repeal 1951 provision barring dual receipt of benefits under that program and under old-age and survivors insurance if service before 1937 is used in railroad annuity computation.

August 3: Vocational Rehabilitation Act to cover Federal seamen under unemployment insurance.

August 14: Old-age and survivors insurance wage credits of $160 a month provided for active military service performed after 1953 and before July 1, 1955.

1955

February: Old-age and survivors insurance beneficiaries numbered 7 million.

July: First old-age and survivors insurance benefits payable that reflect increases resulting from exclusion of periods of disability from benefit computation under 1954 “freeze” provision.

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