

HEARING CALLED ON TRANSIT FARE BILLS

Objections to Jenks Cost-Plus Measures Can Be Made Next Tuesday.

CRITICS SEE A 'JOKER'

Assembly Committee to Consider Protests Before Acting on Proposed Legislation.

ALBANY, April 7.—The Assembly today called a public hearing to be held next Tuesday to receive any objections to the public or municipal officials may wish to lodge against the Jenks cost-plus bills designed to open the way for consideration of the entire question of street railway fares.

Rather than risk being charged with "jamming through" the bills, the Assembly continued the life of its Judiciary Committee for one week from today. The Rules Committee is in charge of other business, with Speaker Sweet in full control. The fare bills are in the hands of the Judiciary Committee.

Although the public service commission in New York and up-State stand sponsor for the bills, some criticism has been made. They have been called "jokers" designed to fasten a higher street car fare on the public.

The provision in the most important of the Jenks bills to which the committee will give special attention, is the one pointed out as the "joker" by critics of the proposed plan for dealing with fares and which appears to make it mandatory that municipalities take some action within six months to determine whether there are just grounds for the instant demand of the railroads for seven and eight cent fares.

To Negotiate on Fare.

It is provided that officials of municipalities and representatives of corporations shall enter upon negotiations on the question whether the conditions in a municipality justify a change in rates. Such negotiations shall be continued for six months and "in the event of failure of the local authorities to initiate such negotiations, or of the failure of the parties to come to any form of agreement at the end of the six months period, then unless the period is extended the corporation or local authorities shall be free to apply to the Public Service Commission in the district upon a petition which shall set forth failure to initiate proceedings or to agree.

The next section provides: "Upon the presentation of such petition the commission may in its discretion upon a hearing authorize an immediate, reasonable temporary increase or decrease in the rates, fares and charges pending the determination of the permanent rates, fares and charges to be fixed by final order.

"Whenever any such petition shall be filed, the commission shall hold hearings and proceed to a determination of the just and reasonable rates, fares and charges to be observed thereafter by such corporation, both as to both temporary and permanent rates, fares and charges the commission shall with due regard among other things, to a reasonable average return upon the value of the property actually used in the public service, to agreed provisions for service and compensation, and to the necessity of making reservations out of income for surplus and contingencies, determine the just and reasonable rates, fares and charges to be thereafter observed and in force as the maximum to be charged for the service to be performed, notwithstanding that a higher or lower rate, fare or charge, has heretofore been prescribed by statute, franchise condition or other agreement, and shall fix the same by order to be served upon all common carriers and railroad corporations by whom such fares are to be observed.

Allows Wide Latitude.

Great latitude is given local authorities and the railroad companies in working out fare schedules, always subject to the approval of the Public Service Commission.

"The company shall receive a sum equal to 10 per cent. of its investment value as agreed upon and fixed by arbitration," the bill proposes in section 1, clause D. "Until such investment shall have been determined such return shall be at the rate to pay existing fixed charges.

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TO SHIFT ONUS FOR OUSTING SOCIALISTS

Legislature Gets Two Bills Placing Responsibility on State Courts.

SWEET BACK OF MOVE

Measures Bar From Office Any Member of Party Opposing Existing Government.

ALBANY, April 7.—Responsibility for outlawing the Socialist party will be shifted to the courts by the terms of two bills offered in both houses today on behalf of Speaker Sweet and his supporters in the outer proceedings. By the shrewd move the whole matter and all the testimony taken at the trials will be referred to the Appellate Division.

The bills were introduced in the Senate by Henry J. Walters, majority leader, and in the Assembly by George P. Fraxon, Republican, both from Onondaga, where Speaker Sweet lives. Explaining the move the Speaker said: "It is proposed to exclude from the right to hold any civil office of the State or of any municipal corporation or political subdivision thereof any member of a political organization which, as determined by the Supreme Court under the election law, supports, advocates, maintains or declares for principles, doctrines or policies which if carried out would endanger the existing government of the United States or of the State of New York, and the rights, privileges and institutions secured under the Constitution thereof. It is further provided that any person who advocates, supports or is committed to the principles of a political organization which has thus been declared to be opposed to existing governmental institutions shall not be eligible to hold any civil office within the State."

Speaker Sweet said the bills were drawn so as to include specifically the control of party over candidates for office as exercised by the Socialist party, as brought out in testimony of George R. Lunn of Schenectady at the trial. Mayor Lunn testified that he had been ordered by his party to resign because he declined to be elected by the Socialist party, designed to affect only the Socialists may make any sort of party control over a candidate subject to penalty.

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