

BILL SAVES NEARLY MILLION IN PRINTING

Barnhart Measure, Shaking Up G. P. O., Passes House and Goes to Senate.

RAISES PAY OF SOME, BUT CUTS OUT WASTE

Franking Privilege Receives Severe Blow, While Useless Documents Are Eliminated.

The Barnhart printing bill, which shakes up the existing rules and regulations governing the government printing office, and aims to save more than \$800,000 a year in that shop, goes to the Senate today, having passed the House late yesterday without a roll call. The bill was the calendar Wednesday business for several legislative weeks during the last session, and in its present form it strikes at some of the wastefulness in public printing which has existed because of no change in laws and regulations for years.

The bill does a multitude of things, and is a thick document. It raises the pay of compositors at the printing office from 50 to 55 cents an hour, reduces a few salaries there, but the big things which are hit are the useless documents and some of the wasteful franking privileges.

It also gives Congress a firmer control over the government printing office through the medium of the joint printing committee of the House and Senate.

Almost a million dollars in printing a year is to be saved by the discontinuance of useless publications and the limiting of the editions of other documents, but certain increases in salaries and new publications ordered, such as a bulletin of committee hearings at the Capitol, bring the net savings to \$525,000. A part of the savings is to be found in the system established whereby a congressional committee is authorized to constitute with government documents on the subject of the proper method of spraying radishes.

Bill Is Non-Political.

The bill is a non-political work, representing the co-operation of members of the House committee on printing, of which Representative Barnhart of Indiana is chairman. In a statement made to the House the bill was explained by Representative Barnhart. In this statement he said, in part:

"The impression is abroad that members of Congress in both branches are following long-established customs of grab-bag methods in printing and franking privileges not creditable to those big enough to make laws for our national welfare. It is doubtful if this impression is justified, and, if considered, but that there is a tremendous waste in our methods of printing and distributing public documents, there is not a doubt, and the official report accompanying this bill will readily show you. You would be amazed if I were to tell you that in public document procedure alone we surely waste a half-million dollars a year; and add to this the wrapping, franking, envelopes, leave to print, and other excesses which this bill aims to correct, and it will amount to more than a million dollars a year that is absolutely wasted, except to those who profit by the production.

New Features of Bill.

"Valuation system of allotment of documents to members, so each may have the publications he needs for distribution.

"Restrictions of departments in free-hand and duplicate document printing.

"Limitation of printing frank slips and envelopes, correcting both printing and franking abuses.

"Restricting leave to print extraneous matter in the Congressional Record.

"More satisfactory plan for printing for committees.

"Labor-saving method of folding, wrapping and handling public documents.

"Publication of morning bulletin of day's program of House and Senate business.

"Rearrangement of government printing officials and salaries.

"More general supervision by joint committee and public printer over all public printing.

"Requiring all printing and binding to be done at the government printing office.

"Providing fines and imprisonment for violations of franking and distribution privileges.

Allotment to Each Member.

Hereafter each member of the House will be allotted \$100 worth of public documents for his district each year, and each senator \$250 worth each year. The printing office will issue limited-edition copies of documents from time to time as the demand requires, and this will save much waste in printing allotment stuff not wanted, as is now done, each member will be given only what he orders, and many will therefore draw less than their allotment, which will be another saving; no member can draw on his allotment after his term expires, and new members can supply the wants of their constituents as soon as their term begins and not encounter an exhausted document list because the predecessor had drawn out everything available, both present and future.

The franking privilege is much abused at each post and without profit to any considerable number. To say nothing of the number of frank slips and white document envelopes used by representatives during the past year, the public printer reports that twenty-two and a half million manila document envelopes

of various sizes were furnished to representatives and senators at an average of 14,500 each. In addition to this, departments used millions, and committees and members of the House and Senate were furnished with hundreds of thousands of free white envelopes and letter sheets for correspondence purposes, and each member had his liberal cash stationary allowance besides.

Aims to Stop Waste.

"The abolition of the small size document envelope will stop members from using large quantities of them, contrary to law, in correspondence. It will stop the wholesale practice of inviting the public to pitch in for free public documents, whether or not they are needed or used. It will stop the abuse of private interests promoting speeches in Congress, paying for the printing of large quantities of them and then using some of them to envelop, fold and franking privilege to send them out; and the curtailment of not-wanted document printing will discourage the practice that has long prevailed of some members franking out any kind of useless document stuff just to show constituents on the mailing lists that they are not forgotten by their representative in Congress.

ASKS FOR BUILDING FOR ITS BUSINESS

Interstate Commerce Commission Points Out Need of Quarters.

SEEKS LAW TO FORCE USE OF STEEL CARS

Also to Make Definite Right to Examine All Railroad Papers and Documents.

In the interest of economy and efficiency, the Interstate Commerce Commission asks Congress, in its annual report made public today, to make provision for a suitable building to house the commission. Although preferring a building built by the government, the report states that the commission at least would like to have a rented building which would house all of the branches of that service.

COMBINES VOCATIONAL AND ACADEMIC WORK

That one of the greatest problems of vocational education, now being carried on experimentally in the public school system of Washington, has been solved in the District's schools is the belief expressed by officials here today. Further than this, approval of the solution has been given by officials of the school systems of other cities.

Briefly stated, the problem and its solution are about as follows: It is desirable in vocational training, which fits children for a certain trade or occupation, to begin early. One of the difficulties has been that a child in the younger years of his school life—say in the fifth or sixth grade—cannot tell just how far he may be able to pursue his education, whether only through the grade schools or through the high schools or through college.

Now, if a child takes up vocational training under the plan in operation in many cities he devotes so much time to manual labor and so little to academic work that should he desire to enter a higher institution he would not be qualified to do so.

Washington has been working out in the Smallwood School, I street between 3d and 4 1/2 streets southwest, at present, an arrangement of the kind which may be repeated in other schools. The work that is done is the "regular" school classes at any time, being fully fitted to do the academic work.

Combines Studies.

This is accomplished by giving the children sufficient academic training in conjunction with the trade work to keep them abreast of their comrades who may be attending the regular school classes. Nearly all of the work now being done at the Smallwood School is pre-vocational. Some actual work is being done there by pupils who were formerly at the Wisconsin Avenue School, the work of that school, as well as its head, F. A. Woodward, having recently been transferred to the southwest school.

Pupils of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades have been kept at the Smallwood. They are about 200 in number. Carpentry and cabinet making are being studied by the boys, and the girls are learning domestic science, domestic art and household economics. Electrical work may be started in the near future.

Studies in academic work are being continued in such a manner, however, that at the end of the school year the pupils who are promoted may enter the grade above them in the "regular" schools if they so desire.

Ernest L. Thurston, superintendent of schools, said today that if the youngsters show an inclination to follow up their work the teaching of the trades will be done in the eighth and ninth grades of the school, the three lower grades being devoted to pre-vocational work.

PAN-AMERICAN DISPLAY OF MANUFACTURES NEXT

Secretary Bryan Approves Scheme of Exhibit Planned by Patriotic Women.

Expected Senate Committee Will Begin Work on Measure at Once.

SHIPPING BILL REFERRED.

A movement for the establishment in Washington of an exhibit of the manufactures of the American republics has been inaugurated by members of the patriotic women of the Woman's National Democratic League.

Secretary Bryan has commended the movement, saying, in part: "I consider the movement which you have inaugurated looking to a closer alliance in the future between American republics a most commendable one. It is my hope not only that the manufacturers of our own country may be generous in displaying their manufactures in connection with the commercial exhibit to be established here, but that the commercial interests of our sister republics may be quick to avail themselves of the opportunity to display their products with the exhibit."

Valuation of Railroads.

The work of physical valuation of railroads is well under way. With the coming of winter, the field parties are being transferred from northern roads to those in the south. There are now eight parties at work surveying about 1,500 miles a month. The number of parties will be increased on January 1 to about twenty for each of the five districts.

At some length the commission reviews its investigation of accidents. Collisions caused by improper flagging continue to be a prominent feature of those investigations, the report says, and cases of inexperienced men have been found. The number of collisions due to engineering failure to work of the commission in Washington, for the reasons of economy and efficiency, in our judgment, justifies us in urging the construction by the government, at as early a date as practicable, of a suitable building for this purpose, or that the building be authorized to enter into a lease arrangement or contract covering a term of years for the construction of such a building by other parties.

"We are now under the necessity of renting outside buildings for the purpose of our work of valuing railroad tracks and the inspection of locomotive boilers, and we are convinced

Other Recommendations.

Among the other recommendations of the commission are the following: Laws to control railway capitalization.

Compulsory use of steel cars in passenger trains and prohibition of the use of wooden cars between or ahead of steel ones.

Definite penalties for violations of the hours of service act and certain of the authority of the commission to examine all documents and records of railroads.

To definitely fix one period—preferably three years—in which legal action may be started relating to transportation charges.

All the commission's recommendations are made in an extraordinarily brief form and without discussion.

Otherwise, the commission's report is a chronological review of its work of the year.

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 - \$22 Walnut Desks \$15.65
 - \$28 Mahogany-finished Desks \$21.25
 - \$30 Mahogany-finished Desks \$22.75
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