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Mr. SPINNER, from the Committee on Accounts, reported the following bill:

A BILL

Defining the duties and fixing the compensation of the Clerk, Sergeant-at-arms, Postmaster, Doorkeeper, and Librarian, and settling the number and pay of the other employees of the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Clerk shall continue to have the custody of all the manuscripts of the House of Representatives. He shall receive an annual compensation of the sum of three thousand six hundred dollars. There shall be in his department a finance and a journal clerk, who shall each receive two thousand four hundred dollars; a clerk in charge of the files, two thousand one hundred and sixty dollars; five clerks, one thousand eight hundred dollars each, and five clerks, one thousand five hundred dollars

each; one messenger, one thousand eight hundred dollars; one engineer, one thousand five hundred dollars; an assistant engineer and three messengers, one thousand two hundred dollars each per annum; three firemen, two dollars, and four laborers, one dollar and fifty cents per day each. And that the offices of draughtsman, five map clerks, the newspaper clerk, the clerk in charge of books voted to members, the stationery clerk, and all other offices and places not herein specified, except the Speaker's messenger, are hereby discontinued and totally abolished; and that no temporary clerks, laborers, or other persons shall be employed by the Clerk, or any other officer of the House, except such as are in this act specified, except for a specific time of not more than one month, and then only by the authority of the Committee on Accounts.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That a Librarian shall be elected like the other officers of the House of Representatives. He shall have the custody of all the printed matter, whether bound or unbound, belonging to the House, and shall be entitled to the franking privilege to the same extent as the Clerk of the House. He shall receive a yearly compensation of three thousand dollars. There shall be in his department four assistant librarians—one in charge of the folding rooms, one in charge of the bound document rooms, one in charge of the unbound document rooms, and one in charge of the library and folding rooms in the hall of the

House—who shall each receive an annual compensation of one thousand eight hundred dollars. There shall be four clerks and two messengers, with a compensation of one thousand two hundred dollars each per annum; five folders, with a compensation of two dollars and fifty cents per day; and five laborers, at a compensation of one dollar and fifty cents per day each; and such additional folders by the piece as may be necessary, and at such prices per hundred pieces as the Committee on Accounts may fix; and such additional laborers, at one dollar and fifty cents per day, as said committee may authorize.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the Sergeant-at-arms shall receive a yearly compensation of two thousand one hundred and sixty dollars, and such fees as are fixed by law: *Provided,* That his mileage and travelling expenses shall be allowed only for the number of miles actually travelled. He shall have a deputy, who shall have power to perform all the duties of the Sergeant-at-arms during his absence, and who shall take the same oath, and shall receive a yearly compensation of one thousand eight hundred dollars. There shall be in his department a clerk and messenger, with a yearly compensation of one thousand two hundred dollars each; and one page, at two dollars per day, for one month before and one month after and during the session of the House of Representatives, and no longer.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the Postmaster
2 of the House of Representatives shall receive a compensation
3 of two thousand one hundred and sixty dollars; the assistant
4 postmaster, one thousand seven hundred and forty dollars;
5 four messengers, one thousand four hundred and forty dollars
6 each; and two mail carriers, nine hundred dollars each per
7 annum; and two temporary mail carriers, fifty dollars each
8 per month, during each session of Congress, and for one
9 month preceding and one month succeeding such sessions.

1 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the Doorkeeper
2 and his assistants shall, under the direction of the Speaker,
3 have the power to arrest and remove from the hall, lobbies,
4 or galleries of the House of Representatives any persons, not
5 members of Congress, who shall behave in a disorderly man-
6 ner, and hold such persons in custody until after the adjourn-
7 ment of the House for the day. The Doorkeeper shall receive
8 the sum of two thousand one hundred and sixty dollars; a
9 principal assistant doorkeeper, one thousand seven hundred
10 and forty dollars; three assistant doorkeepers, one thousand
11 five hundred dollars each, all per annum; and twenty-five
12 temporary doorkeepers, four dollars per day each; two riding
13 pages, two dollars and fifty cents per day each; and eighteen
14 floor pages, two dollars per day each. The temporary door-
15 keepers, the riding messengers, and the pages, to receive
16 compensation during the session of Congress and no longer

17 Ten laborers, at one dollar and fifty cents per day; the com-
18 pensation of eight of said laborers to cease from one month
19 after the close to one month before the commencement of each
20 session of Congress.

1 SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That no compensa-
2 tion for service shall be allowed, unless the chief of the depart-
3 ment to which the claimant belongs, or to which the service
4 was rendered, shall have certified in writing, on the bill
5 stating such claim, that the service was performed, and was
6 necessary; and no payment shall be made for any article for
7 the use of the House of Representatives unless its receipt
8 shall in like manner have been certified by the person author-
9 ized to receive the same; and all bills for services rendered,
10 or for supplies furnished, shall be verified by the oath or
11 affirmation of the person interested therein that the demand is
12 just and correct, and that he has received the full amount
13 charged therein to his own use and benefit, and that he has
14 not deposited or assigned, nor contracted, or promised to pay,
15 deposit or assign, any part of said compensation or pay to the
16 use of any other person, nor in any way, directly or indirectly,
17 paid or given, nor contracted or promised to give or pay, any
18 reward or compensation for his office or employment, or
19 the emoluments thereof; and all payments to officers and
20 other employees of the House of Representatives shall be
21 made monthly, after the service shall have been rendered.

1 SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That no part of the
2 appropriations which may be made for the contingent expenses
3 of the House of Representatives shall be applied to any other
4 than the ordinary expenditures; and shall in no case be
5 applied as extra allowance to any clerk, messenger, or other
6 officer or attendant of said House of Representatives.

1 SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That the Clerk of the
2 House of Representatives be directed, immediately after the
3 adjournment of the present and of each succeeding Congress,
4 to advertise for four successive weeks, in all the newspapers
5 printed in the District of Columbia, and in the newspapers
6 that shall for the time being do the advertising of the un-
7 claimed letters remaining in the United States post office in
8 the cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York, for
9 sealed proposals for supplying the House of Representatives,
10 during the succeeding Congress, with the necessary stationery of
11 every name and nature, including parchment, wrapping paper,
12 twine, and paste; which advertisement shall describe the kind,
13 and specify the quality and quantity of each kind required;
14 and that samples of each, with corresponding numbers to
15 those opposite each article mentioned in the advertisement,
16 may be seen at the office of the said clerk; and that the pro-
17 posals so to be made shall be accompanied with proper testi-
18 monials of the ability of the bidder to fulfil the contract if
19 entered into. And it shall be the duty of the said Clerk,

20 within two weeks after the expiration of the four weeks for
21 advertising, to notify the lowest bidder or bidders of the ac-
22 ceptance of his or their proposals; and that in the accept-
23 ance of proposals by the Clerk, each kind of article bid
24 for shall be considered separate and distinct from every other,
25 and that they shall not be grouped into classes, to be bid and
26 contracted for in the aggregate. And all such proposals shall
27 be kept sealed until the day specified in such advertisement
28 for opening the same, when they shall be opened by or under
29 the direction of the said Clerk, in the presence of the Libra-
30 rian and Sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives,
31 or one of them, and of no other person. And the person or
32 persons offering to furnish all or any one or more of such
33 articles for the lowest price, and on giving satisfactory security
34 for the performance thereof, under forfeiture of the contract
35 price in case of failure, shall receive a contract for furnishing
36 the same; and in case the lowest bidder shall fail to enter into
37 such contract and give such security within two weeks after
38 having been informed of the acceptance of his proposal, then
39 the contract shall be given to the next lowest bidder, who
40 shall enter into such contract and give such security; and all
41 such bids and proposals shall be kept secret until a contract
42 shall be completed. And in case of failure to supply the
43 articles by the person entering into such contract, he and his
44 sureties shall be liable for the forfeiture specified in such con-

45 tract as liquidated damages, to be sued for in the name, and
46 for the use and benefit, of the United States, in any court
47 having jurisdiction thereof. And that all such advertisements,
48 proposals, and bids, and the contracts entered into thereon,
49 with the samples and their numbers, or duplicates, or certified
50 copies thereof, shall be delivered by the Clerk of the House
51 of Representatives to the Committee on Accounts immediately
52 upon the organization of said committee at the commencement
53 of every Congress.

1 SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That the Clerk of the
2 House of Representatives shall append to his annual report of
3 the contingent expenses of the House of Representatives, as
4 now required by law to be made, a table recapitulating, under
5 the head of the name of every person or firm to whom he shall
6 have made payments, every payment he may have made which
7 appears in said report, stating the time and amount of each,
8 and briefly for what kind of service performed or supplies fur-
9 nished; and that he shall cause the amount paid to each and
10 the total amount to all to be aggregated and footed; and he
11 shall append a like statement of all moneys received by him.
12 And that the said Clerk shall further append to his said annual
13 report a list containing an inventory of all the stationery and
14 other public property then being in his charge.

1 SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted,* That the Clerk shall
2 make no more purchases of stationery for the use of the mem-

3 bers of the House of Representatives; and in lieu thereof, and of
4 the newspapers heretofore allowed, the members shall receive,
5 in money, from the Sergeant-at-arms, at the commencement
6 of each session, an amount equal to that now allowed to each
7 member for newspapers and stationery.

1 SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted,* That all acts and
2 parts of acts of Congress inconsistent with this act are hereby
3 repealed; and that this act shall take effect from and after the
4 day of the organization of the House of Representatives of the
5 thirty-seventh Congress.