

Sounds Perfunctory But It's Really Important

Week Spent By Congress In Organization of Committees Is of Far Reaching Influence As Committees Are Almost All Powerful In Putting Through Legislation

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Washington, December 8.—"Organization" sounds unimportant to the casual observer but the week spent by Congress in the organization of its committees has a far reaching effect on the nation's government.

The growth of membership in the National legislative body has placed upon the committees the principal burden in framing legislation.

All a committee is ready to report a bill if the members of the list of measures of which it is composed are present, but few are wanted. There is always the possibility that a deadlock in a committee will be overcome by a motion on the part of the House or Senate, but for the most part the power of a committee is the power of life and death over legislation.

Owing to the reduced majority of the Republicans and the increase in the number of Democrats, the ratio on the House committees is 12 Republicans to 9 Democrats. On the Ways and Means Committee which is all powerful there will be 15 Republicans and 11 Democrats. The possibility of blocking legislation by a combination of insurgent Republicans and a solid vote of the Democrats are even greater in the committees than in the House proper.

In view of the fact that the organization process in both the House and the Senate has been subjected to an unexpected delay, Congress will not get on a working program as early as in other sessions. There is, however, no such pressure for haste this time as the present session does not expire on March fourth but goes on beyond that date indefinitely and may run, if the members desire, into the following sessions in December 1924 without interruption.

Most members, however, wish to take an active part in the primary campaigns and in the presidential contest, using the opportunity to strengthen themselves with their constituents whether they are candidates this time or not, so the tendency of Congress will be to bring about an adjournment not later than August if possible.

In view of the fact that Congress is torn into groups and blocks, the deadlock on legislation is likely to be of such a character as to force an adjournment at an early date, though all politicians are in agreement that Congress will not dare adjourn without taking some action on tax revision—which has become the paramount issue.

Whatever doubts members of Congress may have had about the importance with which the country views the necessity of tax reduction have been swept aside by the letters and telegrams which keep pouring in daily. Only such a torrent ever makes an impression and the continued pressure of the country alone will change the course of Congress from one of hesitation to performance.

Between now and Christmas very little can be expected as the committees will be hard at work. There promises to be a lively fight on the rules which formed the basis of the recent truce whereby the insurgents agreed to the election of Speaker Clegg but with the understanding that the revision of the rules must be taken up in thirty days.

As for the Senate, the consideration of the treaties will probably become the order of the day while waiting on the House to take action on bills that must under the consti-


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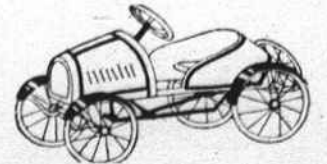


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