

WASHINGTON REPORT

New Postal Service Now In Effect

A new service making it possible for postal customers to get the new address for first-class mail that is forwarded went into effect Sunday with the postage rate increase. Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien has reported.

First-class mail is forwarded at no extra charge when the address has left a forwarding address, but in the past there has been no provision for supplying the sender the new address. Under the new service the Post Office will, when requested, supply the sender the corrected address upon payment of a 15-cent fee.

To get the new service, Mr. O'Brien said, senders of first-class mail must write "Address Correction Requested" below the return address. Then, if the piece of mail

is forwarded, a Post Office form showing the new address will be delivered to the sender and 15 cents collected.

The new service is part of a revision of address correction regulations and charges established under the new postal rate law, the Postmaster General pointed out.

In enacting the postal rate bill, Congress directed the Post Office Department to provide address correction service for mail of all classes that is undeliverable as addressed. The law also requires the charge for address corrections to be uniform for all classes of mail and to be set at a level that covers the cost of providing the service.

In accordance with the provisions of the new law, the charge for address corrections on all classes of mail was made 15 cents effective January 7.

The charge for address corrections under the old system was 10 cents for second-class mail and a minimum of eight cents for third- and fourth-class mail, depending on the weight of the piece.

Mr. O'Brien also reported that effective January 7, a new return service was made available on third-class mail. This service will make it possible for third-class mailers to find out that their mail is undeliverable as addressed without having the 15-cent address correction fee.

Undeliverable third-class mail marked "Return Postage Guaranteed" will be returned to the

sender endorsed "Undeliverable as Addressed." The returned piece will not state why it was undeliverable, nor will it list the addressee's new address. The single-piece third-class rate—six cents for pieces weighing up to two ounces—will be charged for the return service. Third-class mailers who want the new address or the reason why the piece is undeliverable will have to mark their mail "Address Correction Requested." They will be furnished the new address or the reason the piece is undeliverable and the 15-cent fee will be collected upon delivery of this information.

When an address correction is requested on third-class mail weighing up to 6 ounces, the mail piece itself will be returned endorsed with the address or the reason it is undeliverable. On pieces weighing more than six ounces, the sender requesting an address correction will receive a form containing the old address

Adjournment of the first session marks the half-way point of the 90th Congress and offers an opportunity to reflect about the trends in Washington during the past twelve months.

Statistically, the House of Representatives met on 189 days in sessions lasting 868 hours and 16 minutes. Its proceedings are recorded in 17,334 pages of the Congressional Record plus several hundred thousand pages of printed hearings and committee reports. A total of 29,387 measures proposing formal consideration of thousands of subjects were introduced in the House and Senate. The session produced 202 new public laws with several bills still awaiting action by the White House. There were two measures vetoed by the President, 93 bills were awaiting formal debate in the House or Senate when the Congress adjourned.

Quantity of work aside, the pieces bearing the words "Return Requested" will now be handled as if they were marked "Address Correction Requested" and will be subject to the 15-cent fee.

analysis now concerns the trends this Congress established and what was accomplished. Certainly, many needed and desirable bills were passed into law. However, this Congress has differed sharply from the 89th Congress which preceded it.

Two years ago, the Congress was top-heavy with members who believed in strong Federal authority and Presidential domination of national policy. White House requests were quickly and enthusiastically granted. 84 new programs with initial costs of \$13.4 billion were enacted by that Congress. Each committed the Federal government to vast new responsibilities. Most involved the philosophy of offering Federal money in return for submission to Federal direction and domination.

At the end of that Congress the Majority Leader of the Senate, Senator Mansfield, indicated that these new programs stood "in extreme need of going over... particularly for an assessment of current and ultimate cost." The make-up of the new Congress last January reflected the mood of concern about trends in Washington which were widely felt throughout the country. Rubber-stamping of Presidential requests occurred to a much lesser degree. power. Most bills were subjected to more searching debate. Virtually all proposals were reshaped and rewritten to some degree as the Congress began to reassert its independence from the Executive Branch.

In this Congress, the most serious disagreement arose with the President over the request for an income tax increase. His insistence that taxes be raised as a means of combatting inflation met with opposition although it indicated no less concern on Capitol Hill about the prospect of further inflation. Establishing priorities and putting the brakes on non-essential spending to reduce the huge Federal deficit threatening the nation by next June was the urgent request of this Congress. The tax issue is now carried over until next year.

Perhaps the most dramatic issue was the battle over appropriations. This issue consumed a great part of the time of the Congress. Some "Great Society" pro-

grams were subjected to sharp new scrutiny. For instance, the Model Cities, the Teacher's Corps, and several other new programs were cut back or not funded at all. Foreign aid was reduced to its lowest point in 20 years.

In 15 appropriations bills covering spending in the present fiscal year, the Administration asked for \$133 billion. This figure was cut to \$126 billion by the House. Although the Senate was more generous in its approval of \$131 billion, the final bills sent to the President were much closer to the House versions. The final totals were \$127 billion or about \$5.8 billion less than the White House had requested.

On January 15, the Congress will reassemble in Washington for the 2nd Session of the 90th Congress. The nation's business is always incomplete and undone. However, the new session will face problems as urgent as we have seen in this century. With inflation, civil disorders, and a host of other problems at home and a bloody and frustrating war in Southeast Asia which has locked more than half a million young Americans in combat with the Communist adversary, all Americans join at this time in praying for guidance for our leaders as they seek answers to these vital matters.

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