

Mr. SPEAKER: There is one amendment that I desire to move here, and that is that at the bottom of page 109 I should like the words "one official" to be altered to "two officials." The reason for that is this, that there was attached to the staff of the post office, under an Act passed some two years ago, an old official of the House who for many years faithfully served the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He was transferred to that branch of the House, but in the list of officials in the proposed scheme of reclassification, provision was not made for his being allocated to that branch of the service. I, therefore, move:

That the words "one official" be stricken out and the words "two officials" be substituted therefor.

This involves no increased expense and no new appointment; it makes regular an appointment which already existed.

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Organization of the Department of the Serjeant-at-Arms, House of Commons—the Serjeant-at-Arms, Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms—filled by an official of the House during session in addition to his other duties; secretary to the Serjeant-at-Arms, chief messenger and housekeeper, assistant to chief messenger and housekeeper, steward joint restaurant, joint restaurant staff as required, two Parliamentary doorkeepers, sessional doorkeepers as required, chief page, seven confidential messengers, two Parliamentary messengers, two sessional bookkeepers, 38 sessional messengers, temporary sessional messengers as required, two foremen carpenters, three night watchmen, electrician (vacancy), supervisor of char service, Parliament Building; assistant supervision of char service: 15 permanent char women, or as required; temporary sessional char women as required, 20 sessional pages, or as required; temporary sessional servants as required.

Mr. BUREAU: I see that it states that the office of Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms is to be filled by an official of the House during sessions in addition to his other duties. Is he not a permanent official of the House, or do you take a man from amongst the officers of the House to fill this position?

Mr. SPEAKER: A few years ago there was a permanent official whose sole duties were to act as Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms; but the position has been filled, I think, to the satisfaction of the House, by the gentleman who has been the incumbent of the office for some time,—

Mr. BUREAU: I am not criticising; I am simply asking if this is the same man.

Mr. SPEAKER: There is no change at all, but I may point out to the committee that the fact that this position is not made per-

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manent means a very considerable saving to the public treasury with no loss to the efficiency of the service.

Mr. BUREAU: With reference to the nomenclature of the organization, I find at the top of page 109 under the heading "Officers of the House"; Clerk of the House, Serjeant-at-Arms, Assistant Clerk, Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms. Then on the next page there is the "Organization of the Department of the Serjeant-at-Arms, House of Commons," giving the whole list of officials. Has not the Clerk of the House also got a staff, Assistant Clerk, and so on? Are there not other departments besides the Department of the Serjeant-at-Arms?

Mr. SPEAKER: There is absolutely no change here from the arrangement heretofore existing. The first group on the top of page 109 are the chief officers of the House. There has always been a Department of the Serjeant-at-Arms, under whom are the Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms and the other officials mentioned on page 110.

Chief Messenger and Housekeeper:

Mr. SPEAKER: I beg to move to insert the word "Parliamentary" after the word "Chief." The Serjeant-at-Arms has pointed out to me that the idea underlying this proposed amendment is to make our wording conform with that of the Senate's organization, which has already been approved by the Senate.

Mr. PROULX: I thought titles were abolished last year.

Amendment agreed to.

Assistant to Chief Messenger and Housekeeper.

Mr. SPEAKER: I beg to move to amend this line to read "Assistant Chief Parliamentary Messenger."

Amendment agreed to.

Steward Joint Restaurant.

Mr. BELAND: I understand that the restaurant is under the supervision and direction of a Joint Committee of the House and Senate. Are the conclusions arrived at by that committee subject to revision, modification and approval by the House, or is the committee independent of control?

Mr. SPEAKER: Without having gone into the matter, and without wishing to give a final opinion, it seems to me beyond question that the work of any committee of the House is subject to the approval of the House.