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Senate File 513

March 14, 1941.
 On the Calendar.

By COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

A BILL FOR

An Act to provide for an emergency appropriation for the State
 Printing Board to permit said Board to function during
 the remainder of the biennium.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated to the state printing
 2 board from the general funds of the state not otherwise appropriated
 3 the sum of seventy-two thousand seventy dollars and thirteen cents
 4 (\$72,070.13) to permit said board to function during the remainder
 5 of the biennium and to be used for the following purposes:

6 Code of 1939—

7 Binding\$11,833.26

8 Paper stock 3,896.08

9 Annotations, Vol. II—

10 Printing 18,401.80

11 Binding 13,950.00

12 Paper stock 5,210.24

13 Cigarette Tax Stamps—

14 Paid from printing fund by error..... 9,843.75

15 Advance Sheets 8,935.00

16 _____
 17 Total\$72,070.13

1 Sec. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall
 2 be in full force and effect from and after its passage and
 3 publication in the, a newspaper published
 4 at, Iowa, and the, a news-
 5 paper published at, Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF S. F. 513

Section one hundred seventy-seven (177) of the Code, 1935, was repealed by the 48th General Assembly after our department appropriation askings had been determined. Publications which would have been paid from the general funds of the state, had that section not been repealed, were declared in an opinion of the Attorney General to be payable from the funds of the printing board. The costs listed above on the Code and Annotations are actual extra costs imposed upon the appropriation because no adequate substitute was enacted when section one hundred seventy-seven (177) was repealed.

The next item of cigarette tax stamps, in the amount of \$9,843.75, was paid from the printing board appropriation through error. When the claim was first submitted, a printing board citation showing payment should be made from the printing board funds was stamped upon the claim. Instead, a citation showing payment from a special fund for cigarette tax stamps should have been used.

A request for reimbursement was made to Comptroller of State C. Fred Porter, in a letter dated September 25, 1940, and Mr. Porter's reply of November 29, 1940, states:

"The 48th General Assembly changed the law relative to printing cigarette tax stamps. They repealed 1575-A1, Code of Iowa, 1935, and as near as I can find out did not put anything in its place.

"The only place the payment could be made from is your Printing and Binding Appropriation inasmuch as the old original law for payment of printing has been repealed.

"The only way reimbursement could be had would be through the Retrenchment and Reform Committee or a special appropriation of the 49th General Assembly."

Request was made of the Retrenchment and Reform Committee for funds to reimburse us for the above emergency expenditures which had not been anticipated. Their reaction was that, inasmuch as our funds were not depleted, no financial emergency existed. I was informed that if it were possible to stretch our funds until the 49th General Assembly should convene, your body would care for this matter by a deficiency appropriation.

Advance Sheets

The last item of Advance Sheets, in the amount of \$8,935.00, is an estimate only.

The publication of Advance Sheets of Supreme Court Opinions was authorized by the 48th General Assembly, such authority was being recorded as Chapter forty-six (46), now incorporated as part of subsection four (4), section one hundred fifty-six (156), Code, 1939.

The Advance Sheets publication is, therefore, something new, initiated a few months ago, following the issuance of the Code of 1939 and Volume II of the Annotations. The price established will perhaps eventually return the cost of the printing; but starting new, without a subscription list and in competition with other established services, this service had to be subsidized for a time.

The average cost of the Advance Sheet issues has been approximately \$475.00. There will be about twenty issues per year, making the cost for the labor approximately \$9,500.00, the paper stock approximately \$1,000.00, envelopes and supplies approximately \$50.00, or a total of \$10,550.00. An offset to this is the \$1,615.00 received for subscriptions, leaving a balance of \$8,935.00. There will be a further offset against this balance in the amount of such subscriptions as are received during the remainder of the first year.

The cost of introductory numbers and free copies has, of course, been heavy. Other items of considerable cost are included in the total, because the Advance Sheets contain not only the Supreme Court Opinions, but Annotations up-to-date, the opinions of the Attorney General to date; and it is anticipated that the laws of the general assembly as passed should be publicized herein, if authorized by the general assembly.

Perhaps there will be a considerable saving in the cost of later publications, to be attained by using the type composition as used in the Advance Sheets, in the permanent volumes of the several publications represented.

These figures will perhaps give you the idea that our department has been extravagant; but to the contrary, they represent expenditures not anticipated at the time the budget was fixed, and which were not provided for in the completed budget for the biennium which will expire June 30, 1941.