

Bill Would Up Size and Weight On Parcel Post

The Senate this week passed H.R. 14904, a bill to increase size and weight limitations on parcel post. The Senate version of the bill would increase size and weight limitations of parcel post to a maximum of 40 pounds and 84 inches (in length and girth combined) over a five-year period.

Present law restricts the vast majority of parcel post packages to 20 pounds and 72 inches. The bill also calls for a Presidential Advisory Commission on Parcel Distribution Services to make a complete study of parcel transportation in the United States and to report its findings to the Congress with recommendations for further legislation.

The bill would also increase rates on packages by an average of 10 cents. This increase, combined with new revenue resulting from increased sizes and weights, would almost completely eliminate the \$107 million parcel post deficit which occurred during fiscal year 1965.