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**BILL PREPARED TO REORGANIZE MINISTRY OF HYDROELECTRIC RESOURCES**

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[Article: "Bill To Reorganize Ministry of Hydroelectric Resources and To Introduce Technical Installations and Research Agency"]

[Text] The Ministry of Hydroelectric Resources has prepared a draft law to reorganize the ministry, to introduce a number of departments to it and to define the jurisdiction of the Public Water and Electricity Supply Department and of the agencies under its control and the jurisdiction of the Public Investment Department.

This reorganization is the first of its kind since the Ministry of Public Works and Transportation broke away from the Ministry of Resources in 1966. This reorganization has taken 7 years to prepare.

The draft law has been submitted to the Civil Service Commission and the State Consultative Council to express their opinions on it prior to its presentation to the Council of Ministers and then its submission to the Chamber of Deputies.

The most prominent aspect of this reorganization is the creation of the technical research and installations agency and the definition of its tasks in the following:

Conducting practical studies to design the technical installations for water sources.

Preparing the necessary maps and making the computations for the blue-prints of technical installations.

Solving unexpected technical problems and making sure that studies are applied.

**Structure of Agency:**

The technical research and installations agency will consist of:

The water research bureau.

The technical installations bureau.

The mountain lakes bureau.

**Tasks of Water Research Bureau:**

Gather, organize and supervise documents and references pertaining to water research and engineering.

Conduct physical and chemical water analyses.

Conduct hydro-biological studies and tests and classify the types of insects and parasites living in water.

Study the subject of sea water desalination and the subsidiary subjects branching from it.

Study the subject of artificial rain and of preserving snows.

Interpret the results of tests and analyses.

Conduct various kinds of water research so that this bureau may form a laboratory for analyses and a center for gathering and documenting data and results.

**Tasks of Installations Bureau:**

Supervise the existing technical installations with the purpose of proposing the maintenance and improvement they need.

Prepare the files of technical appropriation of the work sites for which the bureau draws up invitations for bids.

Construct and supervise the construction of water pumping and purification installations.

Study and construct dams or supervise their construction, except for dams belonging to the Irrigation Projects Authority.

**Tasks of Mountain Lakes Bureau:**

Conduct comprehensive topographical and geological surveys of sites to be used as mountain lakes for the storage of water.

Prepare hydrological studies for the lakes to be built.

Study the installations and equipment pertaining to these lakes.

Prepare the lists of specifications pertaining to the studies on and the implementation of these projects.

Carry out the works pertaining to these projects or supervise their implementation.

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#### LITIGATION, LABOR, EDUCATION LAWS AMENDED

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[Article: "Joint Committees Approve Three Bills, Including Bill Amending Civil Litigation Rules"]

[Text] The joint parliamentary committees approved yesterday three bills concerning amendment of the civil litigation rules, the labor law, organizing teaching staffs in private schools and extending the terms of the executive boards of the chambers of commerce and industry.

The Management and Justice Committee, the Finance and Budget Committee, the Labor and Social Affairs Committee and the National Education and Economy Committees held a joint session under Munir Abu-Fadil, the Chamber of Deputies deputy speaker, in the presence of Minister of Justice Yusuf Jubran and deputies: 'Abdu 'Uwaydat, Sam'an al-Duwayhi, Hashim al-Husayni, Tawfiq 'Assaf, August Bakhus, Albert Mukhaybir, Ilyas al-Harawi and Majah Wakim.

After the session, Abu-Fadil said: The joint committees have discussed the bills on the session's agenda and have approved two bills as presented by the government and a third bill in an amended form.

The bills approved are:

1. A draft law amending some provisions of the civil litigation procedures law concerning the rules pertaining to the litigation steps preceding a trial and a draft law amending the labor law. The litigation law has been approved in an amended form which makes its first article read as follows: "In all the civil, financial, property, personal status, commercial and labor lawsuits on which bills have been exchanged, the opponents shall be notified in accordance with a statement containing their names and the number of their lawsuits published in the Official Gazette. A copy of the statement shall be posted at the door of the court or the council concerned. The people concerned may make their appeals and present their final defense within a period of 1 month following publication and posting of the statement. They may also request the scheduling of a