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TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

October 8, 1940

The opening session of the Food Section was called to order by S. B. Horrell, General Manager of Operations, Carey Salt Company, Hutchinson, Kans., and Past-General Chairman of the Food Section, who presided. Chairman Horrell briefly welcomed

the delegates, and expressed the deep sorrow of the Section Members over the passing of Fred A. Webb, late General Chairman of the Section. A formal resolution honoring the memory of Mr. Webb was passed.

Safety Requirements of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act

By J. O. CLARKE

Food and Drug Administration, Chicago

The Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act endeavors to safeguard the supply of food, drugs and cosmetics consumed by the American public. It is intended to provide safety in three broad fields for all of these products—safety from the consumption of foods, drugs and cosmetics which might be harmful, safety from the consumption of those products which might have been produced under insanitary conditions or which might be filthy or decomposed, and finally, safety from an economic standpoint by establishing certain conditions which tend to prevent the public from being cheated.

In this discussion I am going to have to use some words such as "filthy," "decom-

posed," "putrid," "poisonous or deleterious substances," "dangerous to health," etc., which are quoted from the text of the Act. I would like it definitely understood, however, that these words are not descriptive of the output of the industries as a whole and it would be grossly unfair to even imply that all the products of the food, drug and cosmetic industries can be described by such terms. I know that manufacturers generally deplore practices which lead to a violation of the law just as much as do consumers or regulatory officials.

Since you are primarily interested in food, it will be my purpose to devote most of my time to the safety features of the Food,