

Senate Pay Raise OK May Bring Ike's Veto

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—The Senate overrode President Dwight D. Eisenhower's wishes today and voted to give 1,500,000 government workers a 10 per cent raise in pay. It thereby risked a veto; the President has said he would view a raise of such a size with great concern.

A rollcall vote of 72-21 approved the increase for 500,000 postal workers. Then the Senate rushed through a similar raise for about 1,000,000 federal employees in the ranks of the classified Civil Service. Passage was on a voice vote.

The legislation now goes to the House, where administration leaders will reform their ranks to give it possibly tougher opposition.

Opponents of the 10 per cent boost called it impractical—"an empty gesture." They said the President would never sign bills raising public pay that much when the budget was still unbalanced.

It is estimated the raise for postal workers would cost 220 million dollars annually and that for the classified employees about 500 million, a total of 720 million dollars.

Eisenhower has sought to hold the raise down to about 6 per cent for the Civil Service and 7.6 per cent for the Post Office Department.

But Democrats declared they were "tired" of attempted dictation from the executive branch. They asserted the Senate should do what it believed to be right.

Congress voted itself a 50 per cent raise recently, and members are now drawing \$22,500 a year.

The Senate set its course on the pay bills by first rejecting a 7.6 per cent raise for postal workers, offered by administration leaders. The rollcall vote was 52-41.

Ike's Putting Area May Suffer; Squirrels to Stay

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—The way things are going, you'd almost think squirrels could vote.

James C. Hagerty, presidential press secretary, announced today that the White House has sworn off trapping squirrels.

He confessed that three have been caught on the White House grounds and banished to the woods because they've been digging up President Eisenhower's putting green.

But Hagerty promised, "There will be no more trapping."

This didn't nullify Oregon's animal-loving Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) who began a save-the-White-House-squirrels campaign earlier this week. Now he wants to know who did the trapping.

Arising in the Senate today, Neuberger served notice that there's a 1906 District of Columbia law which makes it illegal to trap squirrels or make yourself a nuisance around them in other ways.

School Plan Stirs Mobs In Belgium

BRUSSELS, Belgium, March 25 (AP)—Police set up roadblocks and patrolled Brussels' streets today. They took steps to cope with any violence stemming from threatened Roman Catholic demonstrations tomorrow against the government's proposed cuts in church school subsidies.

Nine thousand state police were moved into the capital to enforce a government ban on all gatherings of more than five people tomorrow. Group movements by buses, trucks or special trains into Brussels have been prohibited.

Premier Achille Van Acker called on all persons to avoid trouble. In a communique, he said:

"The government condemns the attitude of those who do not hesitate to disturb public order for partisan interests. Order will be maintained."

Despite the warning, many Catholics were believed determined to go through with the demonstrations against what they charge is a government move to freeze out the church schools in favor of the state system.

Of Belgium's 1,646,000 school children, 934,000 attend church schools. According to some estimates, the planned slash in subsidies to Catholic schools amounts to 250 million francs (five million dollars).

The government contends it is trying to correct alleged abuses by the previous regime which had a Catholic majority in the Cabinet. It accused its predecessor of encouraging parochial schools at the expense of state institutions.

Modern Wage Plan Asked for Railroads

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—A presidential board today recommended an overhaul of the wage rate structure on the nation's railroads.

It said there are inequities and out-of-date features, and a commission should be set up to modernize the pay structure of the men who run the trains.

The recommendation dealt specifically with the operating class of employes—engineers, conductors, trainmen, etc.—not with such nonoperating jobs as clerks and repairmen.



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Pinay Urges OK Of Paris Treaties

PARIS, March 25 (AP)—"Don't be behind the diplomatic times," Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay told the French Senate today in a speech urging approval of the Paris treaties to free and rearm West Germany.

The final vote is expected tomorrow. Approval would make France the 10th of the 15 signatory nations to complete legislative action on the treaties. The other five: Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the United States.

Pinay warned the senators that failure to approve the treaties "would be falling into the Russian trap, because the Soviets

have made German rearmament their implement for dislocating the Western solidarity."

Pinay said it was too often forgotten that France had taken the lead in pulling the West together and that many "have sought to have it believed that the Paris agreements are imposed on us by our allies."

Considerable sentiment has built up in the Senate for an amendment which might make deposit of the instruments of ratification dependent on agreement on a European arms pool, a clarification of the Saar agreement with Germany, or new efforts for a Big Four meeting.

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Senate-House Group Kills \$20 Tax Cut

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—A Democratic plan to cut income taxes \$20 a person was killed today in a major victory for the Eisenhower administration.

House Democrats backing the proposal tossed in the towel in a Senate-House Conference Committee. The upshot was that the committee approved a Senate bill merely continuing present corporation income and excise tax rates for one more year.

The Senate then swiftly passed this bill. It shouted its approval, without even a record vote, after Senator Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.), a foe of tax cuts at this time, presented the committee report with a brief explanation.

Final Action Tuesday

House leaders scheduled final action on the bill—minus the tax cut—next Tuesday. But that was almost a formality now. The steam was taken out of the fight when House Democrats yielded in the committee.

That sounded the death knell for the Democratic plan, pushed through the House by a 210-205 vote, to give each taxpayer and each dependent a \$20 annual tax cut starting next Jan. 1.

House Ties Cut

The House tied this cut to an Eisenhower administration bill extending corporation and excise taxes. The Senate defeated the tax cut, 61-32, and passed the straight extension bill as urged by Eisenhower. The Conference Committee was appointed to settle the conflict.

Rep. Jere Cooper (D-Tenn.), chairman of the Conference Committee and of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, predicted the House would approve the report with little to do.

Unless extended, corporation income and excise tax rates would drop on April 1—just one week away—by about three billion dollars annually. The excises apply to automobiles, cigarettes, liquor, and other items.

Cooper said it was the April 1 deadline which forced House Democrats to surrender their pet tax plan.

Ice-Filled Niagara Rages

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., March 25 (AP)—Men stood seemingly helpless and at least temporarily defeated today before the destructive onslaught of glacier-like ice creeping down the Niagara River, carrying waterfront homes and buildings with it.

Atom Plane Production Hearing Set

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—A Senate-House Atomic Energy subcommittee plans to ask Air Force leaders why greater progress hasn't been made in developing atomic planes.

The question will be posed to Secretary Talbott and top brass at a hearing next Wednesday.

Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), a subcommittee member, said today he feels part of the difficulty "may lie in the fact that the Air Force hasn't any Admiral Rickover."

He credited Rear Adm. Hyman George Rickover, who supervised the building of the atomic submarine Nautilus, with pushing it to a successful conclusion much earlier than otherwise would have occurred. Gore said a trip made by committee members on the sub had sparked the inquiry into plane developments.

Weight Biggest Problem

"As I understand it, the greatest single factor in the way of development of an atomic airplane is weight," Gore said. "Atomic power has been harnessed and there must be some way of adapting it to planes. We want to find out what's been done along that line."

The Tennessee senator said much weight is involved in shielding the atomic power plant, to prevent radiation injury.

Develop Quiet Planes

If that problem can be licked, he said it might be possible to develop perfectly quiet planes with a source of power of "almost limitless duration." He added it was obvious that any such development would revolutionize military and civilian aviation.

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