

# Minimum wage bill vetoed by President

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon yesterday vetoed a bill to raise the federal minimum wage to \$2 an hour and called on Congress to pass a new, less extensive, minimum wage bill this year.

In a veto message, Nixon said the measure approved by Congress "would unfortunately do far more harm than good. It would cause unemployment. It is inflationary and it hurts those who can least afford it."

The House scheduled a vote Sept. 19 on a motion to override the veto.

Nixon said that fairness and decency require the minimum wage rate, now at \$1.60 an hour, be increased this year.

He said the bill supported by the administration would increase the minimum wage for most nonfarm workers to \$1.90 immediately and then to \$2.30 over the next three years.

The bill approved by Congress

would have boosted the minimum wage to \$2.20 next July 1 and also bring seven million new workers under the program. About 49.5 million workers are covered now.

The veto is expected to be upheld by the House. The measure passed there by a vote of 253 to 152, less than the required two-thirds margin needed to reject a veto. The margin was 62 to 28 in the Senate.

When Nixon announced his intention to veto, it resulted in immediate sharp criticism from labor leaders.

Nixon said his economic advisers tell him that signing the bill would have caused a significant decline in employment opportunities for those affected. He again called for a provision that would set the minimum wage for teen-agers at a lower level, saying this would help increase job opportunities for the young.

# Teacher strike ends, new walkouts begin

HARRISBURG (AP) — Teachers strikes in several Pennsylvania school districts ended yesterday but in two new districts teachers walked out.

Agreements to end disputes were announced in the Tuscarora, Allentown, Parkland, and Lehigh districts while teachers at Bradford and Interboro district in Delaware county joined the picket lines.

At Tuscarora, the school board accepted a proposal by the teachers for a two-year contract which provides for first-year increases of \$350 at top scale. Classes will begin Friday.

A tentative agreement on a new contract was reached at Allentown during a nine-hour bargaining session which ended at 5 a.m. yesterday.

No details of the contract were released. Teachers in the district had reported on Wednesday, first day of the fall term, without a contract.

Although they still don't have a contract, teachers in the Parkland school district returned unexpectedly to work.



Home sweet home

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MARGARET HUDYMA (7th-human development) and Jolene Grubb (7th-individual and family studies), both resident assistants in Thompson, demonstrate the advantages of occupying temporary housing.

# Program review okayed by University Council

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The University Council yesterday endorsed a plan for reviewing undergraduate programs for quality, relevance and reallocation of academic resources.

The University Council is a 12-member panel designed to provide greater communication between students, faculty and administration. Four members each are from the student body, the faculty and the administration.

The plan would serve as a review of all undergraduate programs. "For each degree program, a committee would be set up to review it," according to Charles L. Hosler, dean of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences and a Council member.

"These committees will report to a coordinating committee for undergraduate affairs program review," he said. This coordinating committee will be chaired by Robert E. Dunham, vice president of undergraduate studies. He in turn would report to University Provost Russell E. Larson, Hosler said.

To determine a program's quality and relevance the committee would consider student course evaluations, alumni evaluations, data from the office of budget and planning on the number of degrees granted and the number of teaching hours required, Hosler said.

A program's relevance would be judged on a supply and demand basis. "If the University gave a degree in gas-light engineering, for example," Hosler said, "and the need for this skill is on the decline, then we could deemphasize these degrees or phase them out."

The plan would permit reallocation of resources by allowing essential or relevant programs short on funds or personnel to receive a greater emphasis, Hosler noted. "We want to find out what our strong programs are and what our weak programs are," he said.

This undergraduate student evaluation plan is based on proposals initially presented by Larson last spring. The plan will parallel one going into effect this winter for graduate programs.

Before the undergraduate plan goes into effect, it must be reviewed by the Senate Council and the Council of Academic Deans.

The Council also discussed a plan for evaluating instruction. There has been difficulty in arriving at a standard form for course evaluation because of the diverse nature of many courses with conflicting requirements, Hosler said.

"Right now every department has some kind of in-class evaluation and there is a high level of student participation," Hosler said. A standardized form still is under development, he added.

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