

Legislation raises pay by \$1.05

Senate okays minimum wage bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate approved compromise legislation yesterday which would raise the minimum wage to \$3.35 an hour by 1981, the biggest increase in history for the country's lowest-paid workers.

The legislation, worked out in its final form by Senate-House negotiators, was passed by voice vote and sent to the House. Final action before adjournment is assured.

The bill would raise the minimum wage to \$3.35 by 1981, a \$1.05 increase over the present \$2.30 an hour.

Minimum wage workers would receive an increase to \$2.65 an hour Jan. 1 — the first raise approved by Congress since 1974. The wage floor

would climb to \$2.90 an hour in 1979, \$3.10 in 1980 and \$3.35 in 1981.

Although the bill is considered one of organized labor's few victories of the session, it does not include everything the unions wanted.

Rejected by both the Senate and the House was a proposal for automatic open-end increases in the future geared to a fixed percentage of factory pay.

The Senate and House also agreed to exempt more small businesses from having to pay the minimum wage.

The current exemption excludes business with sales of \$250,000 or less but the bill raised the ceiling to \$362,500 in sales. Some 800,000 workers who no longer would come under the minimum

wage law are protected against any pay cuts.

But the Senate and House, backed by labor, also rejected efforts to set a lower minimum wage for teen-agers.

Labor Department officials estimated that the compromise worked out by Senate and House negotiators eventually would increase the wages of nearly 5 million workers. About 3 million persons now receive the current minimum wage.

Employees who get tips and now get only half of the minimum wage — waiters, waitresses, porters and other service employees — will get 55 per cent of the minimum wage in 1979 and 60 per cent the following year.

State House okays anti-porn bill

HARRISBURG (AP) — The House yesterday approved an anti-obscenity bill whose explicit language in defining the sexual conduct that could not be shown in books or movies prompted one member to say he found the bill itself patently offensive.

The bill was sent to Gov. Shapp, who has vetoed similar bills in the past. But Rep. Martin Mullen, D-Philadelphia, said there's enough support in both the House and Senate to override a Shapp veto.

Mullen said this latest attempt at banning pornography is more specific than earlier laws in order to avoid another run-in with the state Supreme Court.

The court struck down Pennsylvania's last anti-obscenity bill in 1975 because the law failed to define the sexual conduct that could not be shown.

The proposed bill, approved 174-21, contains several lines of explicit

descriptions that comprise the state's idea of "patently offensive sexual conduct." The description lists explicit sexual acts, including masturbation, excretory functions and lewd exhibitions of genitals.

"The attempt to censor is in itself obscene," said Rep. Joseph Rhodes, D-Allegheny, who opposed the bill.

"If the Secretary of the Commonwealth distributes this bill, then will the secretary and the legislature be guilty of violating the law?" he said.

The bill further defines obscene matter as that which appeals to prurient interests and lacks serious literary, educational or scientific value.

"In the past, the community standard of obscenity was left up to individual counties," Mullen said. "Now we have a standard for the whole state, so we won't have any dual standards."

In the long run, it could be up to juries in county court to decide if certain

material is obscene.

First, the district attorney would have to ask the county court to enjoin an adult book store, for example, from selling pornographic magazines.

A judge would hold a civil hearing, at which time the defendant could request a jury trial. The judge or jury decides that the magazines are obscene, an injunction would be issued against their sale.

But there would be no criminal offense — including fines and imprisonment — until the book store owner continues to sell his magazines in violation of the injunction.

Mullen said he wanted a law that would penalize the store owner without having to wait for him to violate the injunction. But he said the weaker version was accepted in order to maintain override support in the Senate.

Kidnap victim is dead

MULHOUSE, France (UPI) — Police acting on a telephone call from the Red Army Faction terrorist group Wednesday found the body of kidnaped West German industrialist Hanns Martin Schleyer in the trunk of a car.

West German police, who flew by helicopter to this small town near the German border, identified the body as that of the 62-year-old president of the German Employers' Association who was kidnaped Sept. 5 in Cologne.

Despite assurances by German police that the body was Schleyer's, district attorney Pierre Raynaud, leading the French investigation, declined to make any statement on the body's identity before taking fingerprints and comparing them with those of Schleyer in German police records.

Raynaud also declined to give any indication of the condition in which the body was found or of the possible cause of death.

Schleyer's body was found one day

after the Bonn government said three leaders of a West German urban guerrilla gang committed suicide in their jail cells. West German officials said the three made a suicide pact after learning of the failure of a hijack attempt to force their release from prison.

Police found the body following anonymous telephone tips that Schleyer had been killed in retaliation for a West German commando raid on the hijacked plane in Mogadishu, Somalia, which freed 86 hostages and killed three of the four hijackers.

Schleyer was kidnaped in Cologne on Sept. 5 in a machine gun attack that killed four of his bodyguards.

A police officer who saw the body removed from the green Audi 100 four-seat car in the courtyard of Mulhouse's central police station said it bore traces of blood around the neck.

The police officer, who refused to be identified, said Schleyer could have been strangled. But the marks

on the neck also could have been caused by a gag which was later removed from Schleyer's face, the witness said.

In Bonn, the West German government said 16 terrorists are known to be involved in the Schleyer's killing and promised to hunt them down.

"We will hunt without pause for the killers," government spokesman Klaus Boelling said. "The search for the known 16 murderers has begun."

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, the government and Germany "bow before the sorrow of Mrs. Schleyer and her four sons," Boelling said.

Police sources said Schleyer's throat may have been cut, but the witness said this looked unlikely.

A communique said to be from the guerrillas was published in the left-wing Paris newspaper Liberation. It said Schleyer was killed on the 43rd day of his captivity — apparently Monday, the day of the West German raid on the hijacked plane.

Positions open for USG group

The application deadline for the Race Relations Board and the Undergraduate Student Government Supreme Court has been extended to Friday, USG President Grant Ackerman said.

Ackerman said that because the Race Relations Board is new this year, all four board positions are open to University students. He said the deadline has been extended because only four students have applied for the board so far.

This is an extremely important board, Ackerman said, and it would be difficult to make a good selection with such a small pool of students to choose from.

USG Supreme Court chief justice Harry Leider said seven students have applied for the two associate justice positions open on the court, and said he does not feel this is a large enough number of students to choose from.

Ackerman said the Race Relations Board's purpose is to serve as an advisor to the University's director of residential life concerning racial problems on campus, and to be a mediator in racial incidents and tensions.

The four-member board must contain at least two black students and one resident assistant, Ackerman said.

Leider said one of the court's main purposes is to make decisions in cases involving new campus organizations wishing to become registered, and to review existing organizations to determine if they are fairly serving the University students.

Leider said one of the open positions will be filled immediately, and the other will take effect beginning Winter Term.

Applications for both the board and the court can be obtained in the USG office in 215 HUB.

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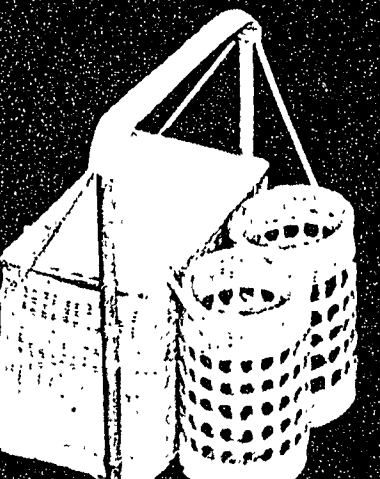
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