

House goes on despite veto threat

WASHINGTON — The Democratic-controlled House, scoring a reported veto threat, marched toward approval of legislation needed to keep the government from running out of money at midnight Friday.

House Democratic Leader Jim Wright of Texas said it was the first step toward the country helping itself out of a "deep depression."

But Rep. Silvio Conte, R-Mass., reported that President Reagan was prepared to veto the jobs legislation even if it meant shutting down the government.

"I don't give a damn if it's Friday night and the government is brought to a standstill. I won't sign a bill that has jobs legislation in it," Conte quoted the president as telling GOP lawmakers at a White House meeting.

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Pay raise:

House approves Christmas present for itself, Senate

By MIKE SHANAHAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The House approved 308-109 yesterday a \$9.138 Christmas pay raise for itself and the Senate. The 15 percent increase would put congressional salaries at \$69,800 annually.

Then, on 208-208 tie, the House defeated a move to rescind the raise it had just approved. Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, D-Mass., was among those voting "no" on that tally — thereby preserving the increase by a single vote. Traditionally the speaker does not vote, unless needed to decide the issue or in other rare instances.

The issue now goes to the Senate, where tough opposition was expected. Earlier, the Senate voted 64-38 to repeal a limit on outside income for its members.

"Good pay is essential for good government," said Rep. Clair W. Burgener, R-Calif. "Bad pay is leading to bad government."

Supporters of the increase in the

speaker of the House would rise from \$79,125 to \$91,000 and cabinet officers would go from \$69,630 to \$80,100. The salaries of the remainder of the federal employees covered would be capped at lower levels.

The related Senate action on outside income, in the closing days of the lame-duck session, blocks a scheduled \$9,089 annual cap — or 15 percent of the current, \$60,662 congressional salary — for payments for speeches, articles and other honoraria. The action affects only members of the Senate. The vote was final, since House agreement is not required.

There is now no ceiling on the total outside income senators can make other than the \$2,000-per-speech limit that applies to all federal employees. The repealed cap was to have taken effect next month.

House members are limited to a total of \$18,200 in such outside income. Senators had been limited to \$28,000 a year, but that limit was repealed in October 1981 in favor of the 15 percent formula.

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- Penn State Sailing Club will hold a fall awards party at 8:30 tonight. For more information call 234-3343 or 865-4340.
- The English department will present careers for English majors from 3:45 to 6:30 this afternoon in Rooms 208, 209, 216, and 251 Willard. The program is open to English majors, those interested in majoring in English, and any other interested students.
- American Society of Civil Engineers will meet at 7 tonight in the HUB Assembly Room. The group will hold a pizza party immediately following the meeting at 807 Century Towers.
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- Kalliope, the Penn State literary magazine, is now taking submissions for fiction, poetry, artwork and photography. Work can be submitted at the HUB Desk and the Comparative Literature office at 424 Burrows Building. Call Mark at 234-8467 for more information.
- The College of Business Administration and the Business Student Council will hold a Christmas party at 5:30 this afternoon in 201 Business Administration Building. All administrators, faculty and business students are welcome. A buffet dinner will be included in the festivities.
- The Interfraternity Council Dance Marathon Committee is accepting dancer applications. The applications can be picked up in 203-B HUB.
- The Office of Foreign Studies will hold a Foreign Studies Orientation at 7 tonight in 318 HUB.
- The Centre County Women's Resource Center will hold a holiday party tonight at 7:30 at 111 Sowers St. All members, friends and those interested in becoming acquainted with Women's Resource Center are invited to attend. Everyone is asked to bring a decoration for the holiday tree. Refreshments will be served.
- The Justice Action Group will meet at 7 tonight in the living center of the Human Development Building. All new members are welcome.
- Free University and On Drugs are offering a course titled "Helping Friends with

- Jean Birnie, 466 Nimtz Ave., told the State College Police Department on Monday that someone cut the top off a Colorado blue spruce at her residence. Damage to the tree is estimated at \$100, police said.
- Guy Mussey, supervisor of landscape, told University Police Services on Monday that unidentified people had cut the top off an evergreen tree at the University picnic area near Jeffrey Field. Damage is estimated at \$300, police said.
- Frank Vongehr, University finance officer, told University police Monday that \$375 was missing from 128 Willard.
- April Easky, 123 W. Nittany Ave., told State College police Monday that unidentified people drilled holes in the door of her residence. A damage estimate was unavailable, police said.
- Alex Grantz, 525 Shulze, told University police Monday that two textbooks were missing from the fifth floor lounge of Shulze. The value of the textbooks is estimated at \$35, police said.
- Pauline Polish, housing supervisor of Porter Hall, told University police Monday that someone set fire to a bulletin board on the third floor of Hartranft Hall. A damage estimate was unavailable, police said.

police log

- Jo Ann Farr, 337 E. Prospect Ave., told State College police Monday that a concrete oriental temple was missing from her yard. The value of the lawn ornament is estimated at \$250, police said.
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