

The Unicameral last week . . .

Increased budget bill advances from committee

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Nebraska legislators have vowed to wind up this eighty-second session of the Unicameral by Memorial Day, and judging by the flurry of activity on University-oriented measures alone over the last ten days, the senators are serious about the self-imposed deadline.

After two months of open controversy and closed discussions between University officials and Gov. J. J. Exon, the Budget Committee reported the N.U. budget to the floor last Thursday. The committee added about \$3.7 million to the Governor's original recommendations which still left the total \$14.2 million short of the Board of Regent's request.

Prior to the committee's action, extensive negotiations between Exon and the University resulted in a compromise of an added \$2.3 million. The Budget Committee by a 5-4 vote, however, added another \$1.3 million which will be covered partially by an increase in non-resident tuition of \$273 per year.

Exon and Chancellor D. B. Varner had agreed on appropriations for UNO and the University Medical Center. The increased budget recommendations would go primarily to the Lincoln campus. The instructional program here, for instance, was awarded an additional \$1.3 million.

THE ADDED FUNDS recommended by the Budget Committee will need 33 votes to become law.

In floor action, the Legislature gave second round approval to a bill authorizing cigaret excise tax appropriations for a new University fieldhouse. The measure received approval by a

close 26-7 vote as compared to the first round vote of 41-3.

Sen. Richard Proud of Omaha continually attempted to alter or kill the bill. His attempts to earmark the funds for projects other than the fieldhouse including the general fund, (failed 15-21), NU medical school tuition (failed 14-21), and a new NU law college (failed 11-27). A motion to kill the bill was also rejected 10-31.

The senators did approve an amendment appropriating \$695,000 for a recreation building at the Beatrice State Home. The appropriation, which passed 44-0, is to be taken from the fieldhouse half of the added excise tax.

THE BILL IS certain to meet further opposition when it is read for the third and final time and Exon's statement that he is "uncertain" about the measure leaves open the possibility of a veto.

The Legislature gave first round approval to a comprehensive community college bill and took steps to appropriate funds for the proposed colleges.

Wilcox Sen. Wayne Ziebarth's bill would establish district colleges funded entirely by the state. The community colleges would replace the existing system of vocational-technical and junior colleges. The measure advanced by a 32-8 vote.

At the same time, the Legislature forced a bill out of the Revenue Committee which increases taxes on certain types of liquor and earmarks the funds for the community colleges. LB 66 is sponsored by Sen. Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff.

Omaha Sen. Ernie Chamber's bill to outlaw corporal punishment in Nebraska's schools was killed decisively on final reading by a vote of 12-34.

THE ANTI-CORPORAL punishment measure had scraped through two earlier readings with marginal support. On the final vote many of the earlier supporters abandoned the bill.

The Unicameral also dealt with three resolutions over the last ten days.

Sen. Gerald Stromer of Kearney introduced a resolution extending well wishes to The Courier newspaper being published by the Committee for Undisrupted Education, conservative NU student group. The resolution failed to generate much interest, however, and fell short of receiving the necessary 25 votes for approval. Senators voted 16-13 to approve.

Two other resolutions failed to gain Legislative approval, one calling for United States military withdrawal from Indochina by April 1 and another offering satirical praise to Lt. William Calley.

Chambers offered the ironic Calley resolution which said Calley had been carrying out official national policy at My Lai and asked that Calley be promoted and awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Cape Kennedy be renamed Cape Calley, and Calley's killing of civilians be commemorated as exemplifying "American concepts of valor and heroism."

The resolution failed, 41-1.

CHAMBERS SAID later that "they (the Legislature) were made self-conscious and embarrassed by the bluntness of the resolution. It showed them what they had done in passing the first one supporting Calley."

The Legislature also failed to approve Neligh Sen. John DeCamp's Indochina withdrawal resolution by a lop-sided vote to kill, 33-11.

DeCamp said he was

"stunned and shocked" that the Judiciary Committee refused to give the resolution a public hearing. He vowed to hold a hearing on the resolution on May 5 on the Capitol steps "if this is the only way it can receive a public hearing."

Chambers and Carpenter added their names to sponsorship of the resolution with DeCamp before a vote was taken. Both senators are on the Judiciary Committee with DeCamp, but apparently could not persuade Chairman Roland Luedtke or the other members of the eight-man committee to schedule an open hearing.

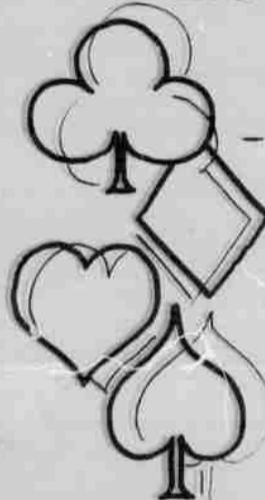
The vote on the motion to kill the resolution was:

For: Carsten, Carstens, Clark, Craft, Elrod, Epke, Goodrich, Hasebroock, Kennedy, Keyes, Klaver, Kokes, Lewis, Luedtke, Maresh, Marvel, Moylan, Nore, Orme, Proud, Savage, Schmit, Snyder, Stahmer, Stromer, Stull, Swanson, Syas, Waldo, Wallwey, Warner, Whitney, Wiltse.

Against: Barnett, Burbach, Carpenter, Chambers, DeCamp, Lime, Mahoney, Morgan, Simpson, Skarda, Waldron.

Not Voting: Duis, Holmquist, Johnson, Kremer, Ziebarth.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE



- TUESDAY -

APRIL 27

MAY 4th AND 11th

OPEN TO ALL U.N. STUDENTS; FACULTY
6:30 UNION CAFETERIA

UNION RECREATION COMMITTEE



Pollution, a worldwide problem, will be dealt with on the individual basis this week.

In its second year, Earth Day will be observed in Lincoln and all over the United States Thursday. At demonstrations and seminars in scores of communities the message will be the same: only concerned individuals can save the earth.

President Richard M. Nixon and 40 governors have proclaimed this week as Earth Week, an expanded version of Earth Day first celebrated a year ago Thursday.

Lincoln Mayor Sam Schwartzkopf named the following week (April 26-May 2) as Clean-up Week. Lincoln Citizens for Environmental Improvement are providing six sites around the city for citizens to deposit aluminum and selected paper for recycling into usable products.

Workers are needed to take the trash to designated sites. Those interested in helping can contact Bruce or Diane Beecher at 472-2583, or 332 Nebraska Union.

Unlike last year's Earth Day

which was observed with large demonstrations, this year there will be discussions and cleanups.

Thursday, the University will start a three-day program of speakers, displays, movies, slide shows and workshops featuring a geodesic dome. The program, called Earth Day Plus Two, will be held at the Sheldon Sculpture Garden.

Keynote speaker will be Jim Wilson, editor of Grassland magazine and nationally noted lecturer on ecology. He will speak at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Westbrook Music Building.

Another series of speakers will talk Friday at 1:30 p.m. Movies and slides will be shown from 8 p.m. to midnight on the Woods Art Building media wall.

A kite workshop and a mass bicycle ride to Pioneers Park at 2 p.m. will be Saturday's program.

On the state level, Gov. J. J. Exon has proclaimed April as Environmental Action Month and the Unicameral has passed a resolution urging the people of the state to participate in the activities. Official projects

include a statewide clean-up and tree planting campaign along with the recycling of glass and paper.

The six sites in Lincoln where citizens may deposit aluminum, newspapers, brown paper bags and heavy corrugated cardboard boxes are:

Leon's Food Mart, Rathbone Village, paper and aluminum.

Treasure City Safeway Store, 48th and Leighton, aluminum.

Jack and Jill Store, Belmont Shopping Center, aluminum.

Hinky Dinky, 25th and O, paper and aluminum.

Nebraska Wesleyan University practice football field, 53rd and Huntington, paper and aluminum.

Although special programs are planned and massive clean-up operations will be conducted, the emphasis for Earth Day is still the individual effort. Cleaning up the yard, sweeping the sidewalk, riding a bike instead of a car, planting a flower, painting a fence and thanking a green plant are what Earth Day is all about.