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Governor, legislature disagree on Fieldhouse

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War hearing set for May 5

A mass-participation debate on the Indochina War, scheduled for the north steps of the State Capitol, has been set up with the revival of a public hearing on State Sen. John DeCamp's resolution asking Congress to set a date to cut off funding of the war.

The hearing, to be conducted as one of the Unicameral's committee hearings, will be held Wednesday, May 5, at 1:30 p.m., Don Reeves, president of Nebraskans For Peace (NFP), announced at a Wednesday press conference.

Two Vietnam veterans and members of NFP, Leroy Shuster, an NU junior, and Robert Kerrey, a graduate of the Pharmacy College, presented a statement in support of the resolution and urged attendance at the hearing. Kerrey, who is from Lincoln, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor several years ago.

The resolution, identical to DeCamp's Resolution 32, calls for provisions for exchanging prisoners,

safe and systematic withdrawal of American personnel, and asylum for Vietnamese who might be placed in danger of reprisal.

In response to statements of some legislators that Nebraska lawmakers have no business discussing the war, DeCamp said the war is the most expensive item in the state. He said the cost to taxpayers exceeded the University budget and has cost the lives of nearly 400 Nebraska citizens.

State support of the University budget for 1970-71 is about \$41.9 million. Reeves said "Nebraskans will pay over \$70 million in individual taxes for 1971 for support of the Indochina War."

DeCamp, the only Vietnam veteran in the Legislature said, "If the Nebraska Legislature cannot take a stand on this, we're in sad shape."

The Neligh senator added that he expects attendance at the hearing to be "a thousand or more."

After the hearing, he continued, he will reintroduce a similar resolution.

His first resolution was assigned to the Judiciary Committee, which voted 5-3 to order a public hearing against the wishes of its chairman, Sen. Roland Luedtke of Lincoln.

Later, under suspension of rules, the resolution was returned to the floor of the legislature without the hearing, and was killed 33-11-5.

Other Senators agreeing to attend the hearing are Omaha Sens. P. J. Morgan and Earnest Chambers, and Scottsbluff Sen. Terry Carpenter. DeCamp said Luedtke, who is opposed to the resolution, also has been asked to attend.

Reeves said he expects the hearing to last about three hours, with the time equally divided between supporters of the resolution and opponents.

"Within the limits of time, every person wishing to offer testimony will be granted the opportunity," he said.

Persons wishing to speak at the hearing, either for or against the resolution, may contact Nick Meinhardt at the NFP office at 327 N. 13th St., Reeves said.

ASUN settles Hansen appointment

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Weeks of controversy over John K. Hansen's position on the Search Committee for a new campus president were finally, but noisily, put

to rest at Wednesday's ASUN meeting. Out-going ASUN president Steve

Tiwald told senators, "I have been officially informed that John Hansen meets the eligibility requirements and is eligible to serve on the Search

Committee. Hansen is now the appointee of the Student Senate."

The sharp debate which followed his announcement began when Sen. Ed Eggleston moved that the Senate "reconsider the appointment of Hansen." His motion failed after a roll call vote, and Hansen's appointment to the committee was reaffirmed.

Hansen is one of three students appointed in March to serve on the 15-member committee charged with finding a replacement for campus president Joseph Soshnik.

Hansen was declared ineligible on April 2 to serve on the committee because he was a part-time student. Campus regulations require participants in extra-curricular activities to be full-time students. At that time Hansen was registered for 10 hours.

Wednesday, Melvin D. George, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, informed Hansen that the college had accepted his course add in political science 199. The two-hour credit course is an independent study of farm politics under Stephen L. Rozman.

Before spring vacation, George had denied the add request because Hansen had six hours of incompletes and wasn't showing satisfactory academic progress in his other courses.

He reversed his earlier decision, George said, because Hansen "had made substantial academic progress in the last two weeks."

Hansen said he removed one incomplete over vacation and caught up with his work in his other courses. Before making his decision, George said he checked with Hansen's instructors about his academic progress.

Calling it a "purely academic decision," George said, "It's a decision I would have made for any other student. We make these judgments all the time."

Before transferring to the College of Arts and Sciences, Hansen had been registered in Teachers College and attempted to add the course there. However, Walter Beggs, dean of the college, had refused to accept the add.

Although the eligibility question is no longer relevant, Eggleston moved that the Student Senate reconsider



Hansen... appointment controversy settled (hopefully).

Gov. J. J. Exon notified the Legislature Wednesday that his "inclination" is to veto the proposed cigarette excise tax to build a state office building and NU fieldhouse.

The Legislature, aching to show Exon it too can exercise power, is already taking steps to override the potential veto.

The Unicameral passed LB 87 Tuesday by a vote of 34-11. In addition to naming the state building and fieldhouse as recipients of the five-cent per pack tax hike, the bill also provides for \$695,000 to build a gym at the Beatrice State Home.

In a letter to the Legislature, Exon warned that ear-marking funds for construction projects "tends to fragment and fractionalize our tax base." He urged the body to reconsider their action.

The Governor suggested the bill be re-written to allocate two and one-half cents of the tax to a permanent sinking fund for capital construction to be "allocated by the Legislature as it reviews priorities" and the remaining two-and one-half cents to the general fund.

Exon went on to say that "while I do not rule out the eventual need for either a fieldhouse or a state office building, I recommend our joint reflection and consideration until next January on the specific projects."

A motion by Sen. Richard Proud of Omaha to reconsider the bill and presumably deal with Exon's suggestions was defeated soundly, 11-32.

Sen. Roland Luedtke of Lincoln, the original sponsor of the bill, has already filed a motion to override Exon's veto if it comes. An override motion requires thirty votes, and since the bill passed with thirty-four and the reconsider motion failed with thirty-two votes, Luedtke would appear to have the necessary majority to send the bill back to the Governor's office.

Exon has until Monday to veto the bill, when it will become law without his signature, if he has not acted.

Here is the vote on Proud's motion to reconsider the fieldhouse bill:

For: DeCamp, Kennedy, Klaver, Maresh, Moylan, Proud, Skarda, Stahmer, Stull, Waldo and Wallwey.

Against: Barnett, Burbach, Carsten, Carstens, Clark, Craft, Duis, Epke, Goodrich, Hasebrook, Holmquist, Johnson, Kime, Kokes, Kremer, Lewis, Luedtke, Marvel, Morgan, Nore, Orme, Savage, Schmit, Simpson, Snyder, Stromer, Swanson, Syas, Waldron, Warner, Whitney and Ziebarth.

Not Voting: Carpenter, Chambers, Elrod, Keyes and Mahoney.

Talks and Topics hosts education reformer Holt

John Holt, author and education reformer, will lecture at the Nebraska Union Thursday as part of the student sponsored Talks and Topics series.

Holt, who calls for some tradition-shattering changes in the elementary education system, will speak at 3:30 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. Following his talk he will answer questions.

He has suggested the elimination of schedules, grades and lesson plans, abolition of compulsory attendance, certification requirements for teachers and compulsory testing and use of "intelligence" tests.

Now writing his fourth book, Holt is the author of *How Children Fail*, *How Children Learn* and *The Underachieving School*.