

Student fees bill sent to floor

By Greg Wees

A new face on a bill that could eliminate mandatory payment of some student fees at state colleges and universities emerged last week from the Legislature's Education Committee.

In a self-proclaimed compromise, LB362's sponsor, State Sen. James Dickinson, struck all original sections of the bill and substituted amendments in their place. The revisions were necessary, Dickinson said, to remove the bill from committee where a 4-4 deadlock vote during the 1973 session prevented further action by legislators.

Another Unicameral development was State Sen. Richard Proud's successful motion Monday to allow each of the 49 senators to select one of their bills for definite consideration before the session's end.

There are only 16 working days left in this year's session, and more than 300 bills remain to be considered.

Dickinson said Monday he probably would select his student fees bill for first round consideration under Proud's proposal. Thus the issue might be resolved before the Legislature adjourns, he said.

Under the amended bill, student fees would be collected only to finance the University Health Center, to pay the interest on outstanding revenue bonds for construction and to pay for "direct and primary educational purposes" as determined by the school, Dickinson noted.

Another feature of the revised measure gradually would reduce mandatory student fees collection each year. In fiscal 1974-75, students will still pay 70% of those current fees that

would be eliminated. This would be reduced to 40% in 1976-77, and by 1977 all such fees would be eliminated, leaving only the fees for purposes designated by the bill.

A UNL student under this plan would pay \$36 in student fees each semester after 1977. He now pays \$51.50.

According to a UNL comptroller's report, ASUN would no longer receive guaranteed operating funds if student fees payment was voluntary, expenditures for UNL's Recreation Dept. would be reduced 66%, and funds used to support Nebraska Union operations would decline 25%.

State Sen. George Syas changed his vote from no to yes at Thursday's hearing, giving the measure the necessary five votes to pass out of committee. However, Syas, added that his change does not necessarily mean he supports the bill.

"We have to get this (student fees) issue onto the floor for debate," he said. "This has got to be cleared up once and for all."

Syas said he previously opposed the bill because capital fund construction debts could not be paid under the original measure.

At UNL each student now contributes \$14.50 to repay interest on capital construction bonds, according to a UNL comptroller's breakdown of student fees. The University Health Center receives \$21 a semester from each student.

Syas also changed his vote, he said, because most of the 200 University of Nebraska at Omaha students who contacted him supported the bill.

Crossword Puzzle

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| ACROSS | 17. The birds | article | 52. Resin |
| 1. Spots on cards | 18. Italian seaport | 35. Harem room | 54. Protuberance |
| 5. Chess pieces | 20. Strip | 36. Furnishes | 55. Man in Genesis |
| 8. Rough, broken chit | 22. Loiters | 39. Merganser | |
| 12. Oriental nurse | 24. Compass reading | 40. Desk basket | |
| 13. Honor card | 25. Minor prophet | 41. Plague | 56. Wrath |
| 14. Assess | 28. Flowering shrub | 43. Hammer-heads | 57. English actor-manager |
| 15. Contest | 33. Baronet's title | 47. Worker bee | 58. Caliber |
| 16. Regret | 34. French author | 51. French author | 59. Dance step |

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| 60. Pen name | 29. Perfumes |
| DOWN | 30. Portuguese title |
| 1. Amazon estuary | 31. Netherlands commune |
| 2. Mohammedan priest | 32. Inexperienced |
| 3. Rodent | 37. Manly |
| 4. Bombards | 38. India, for one |
| 5. Flower | 39. Dwarfs |
| 6. French coin | 42. Chemical symbol |
| 7. Require | 43. Thick slice |
| 8. Cowardly | 44. Vagabond |
| 9. Rant | 45. Biblical name |
| 10. The sweetsop | 46. Undergarment |
| 11. Exploit | 48. East African hartebeest |
| 19. Note in the scale | 49. British statesman |
| 21. Miss Claire | 50. Marsh grass |
| 23. Drowse | 53. Macaw |
| 25. Viper | |
| 26. Russian community | |
| 27. Spanish gold | |

Average time of solution: 26 min.

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