

Senators approve pay increase for state employes

The Nebraska Legislature Monday approved a six per cent pay increase for state employes with one per cent merit increases by advancing LB691, which covers most budget allocations to state agencies, from general file.

The Legislature also began debate on LB690, the higher education appropriations bill, late Tuesday.

Under LB691, a state employe could receive a merit salary increase of one to five per cent of his salary, but an agency's total merit increases cannot exceed one per cent of its personal services budget. No individual salary increase could exceed \$1,200.

The senators also added an amendment introduced by Lincoln Sen. Wally Barnett requiring state agencies to report to the Legislature the average size of all merit pay

increases, the number of employes receiving them, their salary classifications and the total merit increases in each classification.

Fair distribution

Barnett earlier had offered an amendment giving all state employes a seven per cent salary increase. He objected to inclusion of merit pay without assurance that money would be distributed fairly to employes who deserved it.

The senators rejected 21-21 the across-the-board increase. Twenty-five votes are needed for approval.

A seven per cent salary increase based strictly on merit for NU employes has been approved by the Appropriations Committee and tentatively was approved by the

Legislature Tuesday.

It was contained in an amendment to LB690, approved by senators 27-13. Debate and amendments to this amendment are expected to continue today.

Currently under question in LB690 are additions in the Appropriations Committee's amendment which would give NU nearly \$4.5 million in additional funds.

Work load reduction questioned

These additions include about \$2.6 million for salary increases for both professional and nonprofessional employes; \$300,000 for University of Nebraska at Omaha parity; \$850,000 for improvement of UNL undergraduate education; \$450,000 for use at the University of Nebraska Medical Center; and \$919,000 for improvement of the UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The senators Monday appropriated \$194,000 to the Public Welfare Dept. for payments to medical center doctors treating crippled children.

Tuesday, they reversed their decision.

Omaha Sen. Glenn Goodrich had said medical center doctors cannot be paid for services to crippled children who are welfare patients.

He said the patients had been transferred across the street from the medical center to Clarkson Hospital in Omaha so that the doctors could be paid from state welfare funds.

Reaction...

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Joe Grant (ACS), Phi Gamma Delta member running for Arts and Sciences College senator.

Curt Banister (Independent), Phi Gamma Delta member running for College of Business Administration senator.

Anne Sothan, Pi Beta Phi member running for Arts and Sciences College Advisory Board member.

Jack Buller (NSC), Sigma Phi Epsilon member running for College of Business Administration senator.

J. Sue Robertson (NSC), Gamma Phi Beta member running for Teachers College senator.

David Pape (Independent), Triangle member running for College of Engineering and Technology senator.

Brent Dickie (NSC), Theta Chi member running for Teachers College senator.

These are members of the Greek slate who could not be contacted by press time Tuesday:

Paula Haeder (Independent), Alpha Omicron Pi member running for first vice-president.

Mary Lee Glen, Alpha Omicron Pi member running for Teachers College Advisory Board.

Linda Olson, Alpha Omicron Pi member running for Home Economics Advisory Board.

Kim Hachiya (USA), Alpha Xi Delta member running for Arts and Sciences College senator.

Jay D. Hodges (NSC), Delta Upsilon member running for Engineering College senator.

Guylyn Remmenga, Delta Delta Delta member running for Arts and Sciences College Advisory Board.

Chuck Clanton, Farmhouse member running for Agriculture College Advisory Board.

Gina Garrison, Pi Beta Phi member running for Home Economics College Advisory Board.

Kim Chace, Gamma Phi Beta member running for Home Economics Advisory Board.

Kathy Holloran (Independent), Zeta Tau Alpha member running for Home Economics senator.

Michael A. Beltz, Sigma Chi member running for Arts and Sciences College senator.

Bill Jackson (NSC), Sigma Alpha Epsilon member running for College of Business Administration senator.

Eric Carstenson (NSC), Sigma Alpha Epsilon member running for Teachers College senator.

Hruska says Senate will approve S1

U.S. Sen. Roman Hruska (R-Neb.), said Monday that a bill to consolidate the federal criminal code will be passed by the Senate this year.

Hruska, speaking to UNL students at the Law College, said Senate Bill 1 (S1), the Criminal Justice Reform Act of 1975, is "a betterment of present laws."

The 800-page bill, of which Hruska said 360 pages pertain directly to the criminal code, contains 80 per cent noncontroversial material, he said.

Hruska added that controversial parts of the bill, especially provisions for the death penalty and the publication of classified information, probably will be eliminated

by the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is now working on S1.

Paul Rothstein, Georgetown University law professor serving as a consultant to the Senate Judiciary Committee on S1, joined Hruska and told students the bill is "more civil libertarian than present law." S1 critics claim the bill will endanger First Amendment Constitutional rights of free speech and press.

Civil liberty groups are opposing the bill because "it doesn't go far enough," Rothstein said. If it did go all the way, he added, "it wouldn't get through (Congress)."

Board drops its free meal plan

Union Advisory Board voted unanimously last week to "not accept any more free meals" from the Nebraska Union.

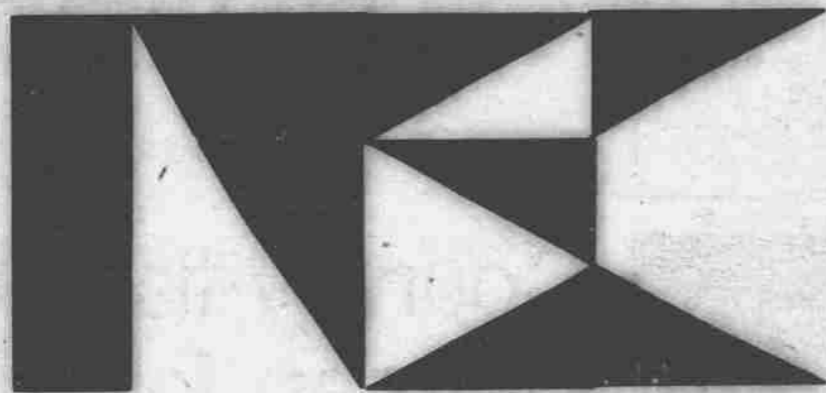
However, Union Board President Mike Shanahan noted the discontinuation of free meals applies only to the existing board and "does not set the policy for future boards."

Earlier this year, the Fees Allocation Board (FAB) recommended the free meal practice be discontinued. It argued that Union Board was the only student board receiving this form of compensation. Furthermore, FAB policy forbids student fee money from being used for food, parties or transportation for individuals, FAB contended.

Union Director Allen Bennett said FAB would be informed of Union Board's decision.

He said free meals had been a Union policy since 1938.

"It was simply a matter of convenience," Bennett said.



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