

Boosted Social Security Pensions, If Truman OKs, Will Begin In September

WASHINGTON (AP) — The bill passed by Congress to hike social security and public assistance payments by about 540 million dollars a year would make the increases effective for September if President Truman signs it into law.

An official of the Social Security Administration told a reporter that any increases would be reflected in checks sent out early in October.

The compromise legislation provides increases for roughly eight million persons.

About four and one-half millions of these would be under social security insurance and the remainder under four relief programs for the aged, blind, totally disabled and for dependent children.

Retired workers receiving social security insurance payments would get \$5 or 12½ per cent more per month, whichever is greater.

As finally drafted, the official said, the legislation does not direct that a \$5 a month increase authorized for those receiving old age assistance or who are under the programs for the blind and disabled shall be passed on to the recipient in full.

He said the monthly payments to such persons are handed by the states on a matching basis. Whether the full \$5 will be passed on will be up to the individual states. The original Senate version of the bill directed that the \$5 be passed on to the recipient.

The bill authorizes a \$3 a month hike in payments under the aid to dependent children program, but the official said whether this will be passed on to recipients in full is also up to the states.

One feature of the compromise was described by the official as possibly unique.

He said it set up a framework for agreements with state agencies for them to handle examinations of disabled persons who wish to avoid having their social security benefits diminished during the period of their disability but provides no machinery for putting the program into operation without further congressional action.

Apparently this was done, he said, because House committees had indicated a desire to have open hearings on the subject before any program actually becomes effective.

Specifically the bill calls on

state agencies to work out agreements with the Federal Security Administration for examinations of the disabled. That provision expires by the terms of the legislation on June 30, 1953.

Then the bill directs that applications for such relief cannot be filed until July 1, 1953, one day after expiration of the provision dealing with the proposed agreements.

The relief proposed for the disabled, the official said, is fairly similar to the waiver of premium that commercial insurance companies grant disabled policyholders.

There would be no cash benefit but a person meeting requirements as to disability would have his or her social security status frozen during non-productive years so that at age 65 the benefits would not have been reduced due to lack of coverage while no pay was being earned.

All social security insurance is based on taxes in the form of payroll deductions and employer contributions.

The spokesman said it will not be necessary for persons already drawing insurance benefits to apply for the increase, if the bill becomes law.

The bill contains no provision affecting state or municipal employees who are already under retirement systems.

The House move to permit them to decide for themselves whether they should come into the federal system was removed at the request of Senate conferees on the measure. Senate members said they were not opposed to the provision but want to have hearings held on the point next year.

State and municipal employees who did not have their own retirement system were admitted to the federal program two years ago. The pending bill makes no changes in their status.

Sutherland

By MRS. BRITAIN SLACK

News Briefs:

Mrs. Alma Keith of Auburn, Calif., spent several days in Sutherland visiting at the home of Mrs. C. D. Harvey. They were old friends in California.

Mrs. Mabel Crouse of Spokane, Wash., is a house-guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Harrison. Mrs. Crouse left Tuesday morning, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Carver Hamilton of Fair Oaks, and Ruth Karcher of Roseburg, who will visit in Spokane with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. Dude Rose spent the Fourth at Tokete Falls, visiting at the home of their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ruthrauff of Roseburg were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brauninger and Barbara spent the Fourth of July at Central Point visiting with Mrs. Brauninger's mother, Mrs. Gurney.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Austin, Donnie and Peggy Jean spent the holidays at Central Point visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Briscoe, of Portland spent the weekend in Sutherland visiting with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pleuard, and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Briscoe at one time made their home in Sutherland.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wells and children returned to Sutherland from a Sacramento trip the first of the week and report that they had not weather, as one day it reached 106.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wahl and Ellen spent the holidays at Yamhill visiting with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Velvie Jones and children.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bielman and Mr. and Mrs. John Chase spent the holidays camping and fishing on

the Upper Umpqua.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Williams and Mrs. Henrietta Beewick, spent the Fourth at Crater Lake. They went from there to Eastern Oregon, where they spent the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Norton attended the Yoncalla Rodeo the Fourth of July. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cook also were there.

Vickie Leatherwood, a small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Leatherwood of East Sutherland, underwent a tonsillectomy at Community Hospital in Roseburg last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cooper are the parents of a son, Franklin Percy, born July 4, at Mercy Hospital, Roseburg. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cooper of Sutherland and Mrs. Percy Handy of Hartford, Conn.

Red Cross May Give Water Safety Course

A Red Cross water safety school may be conducted at the Roseburg Municipal Pool July 28-Aug. 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. if enough persons are interested, reports Lyle Eddy, pool manager.

One of the requirements for admittance to the course is the completion of training in senior life saving. Classes in life saving will begin Monday at 12, according to Eddy. Water safety trainees must also be at least 15 years old.

Those completing water safety school would become certified Red Cross instructors. A western representative from San Francisco would come here to give the lessons.

Eddy asks all persons interested in the water safety school to contact him immediately.

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