

to modify or amend them. Some concern is being felt over the fact that the war has not been officially terminated and the beginning of examinations under the Merit System is being delayed much longer than is felt necessary in view of the rapid demobilization of the armed forces. A large number of state employees are on a provisional basis and certain unrest, indecision and confusion is noticeable. In other quarters Mr. Smith reported there was dissatisfaction with the provisions of the Retirement Act which limit prior service credit to 20 years maximum and limit contributions by the employer agency to the first \$200 of monthly salary. It has been suggested by these groups that credit be given for all prior service and the employer agency contribute on the first \$300 or \$400 of monthly salary.

Mr. Smith advised that the members should consider well the possible legislative program that the Association might wish to present to the coming legislature, pointing out that elections will soon be under way and a legislature containing many new faces will convene in Salem in little less than a year's time.

The president expressed appreciation of the efforts and interest of those members who had come a long distance to attend the meeting and who sacrifice

their time in the promotion of Association and employee interests.

The meeting adjourned at 5 P.M.

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General whose salaries range from \$9,000 to \$12,000 be increased to \$17,500.

3. That heads of independent agencies and members of independent boards and commissions be increased to \$17,500 or \$20,000, as determined by the President. Their salaries now range from \$9,000 to \$12,000.

4. That the salary of the Vice-President and the Speaker be increased from \$15,000 to \$25,000 each, and that members of Congress be paid \$20,000 instead of the present \$10,000.

5. That the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court be raised from \$20,500 to \$30,500 and that each Associate Justice be increased from \$20,000 to \$30,000; that the salary of each judge of the circuit courts of appeals, the court of claims, and the court of customs and patent appeals be raised from \$12,000 to \$22,000; that the salary of the Chief Justice of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia be increased from \$10,500 to \$20,500; and that each judge of Federal District Courts and the United

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