

McCall's Veto Kills Retiree Work Bill

Governor Tom McCall has vetoed a bill which would have doubled the number of hours retired persons could have worked for the state, but which would have killed their retirement benefits.

The action came shortly after OSEA Executive Secretary Thomas C. Enright wrote McCall urging him to refuse to sanction the measure.

The bill, HB 1647, was passed in the dying days of the recent legislative session.

If the bill would have become law, McCall said, retired persons working for the state

"would not be permitted to receive any retirement benefits during the period of such employment."

"It appears to require that any person who works even one day or part of a day would lose at least a month's pension. It would deny to the state and local governments the services of many valuable parttime employees," he said.

McCall said it appeared quite probable that the results of the bill were not intended by its sponsors.

"Such results would undoubtedly include refusal of retired teachers to act as substitute teachers, to the great inconvenience and detriment to school districts, particularly smaller school districts," he continued.

"Any retiree taking advantage of the opportunity to work under the provisions of this bill would lose the medical-hospital insurance coverage extended to him through PERS, because the only way he could have this coverage is by payment of premiums by deduction from his retirement benefit," he said.

McCall charged that the bill discriminates against retirees from Oregon public employment because persons who are retired from federal service or private industry would have been able to accept public employment under the bill and retain all of their retirement benefits, while Oregon public employees would not.

McCall Schedules Special Session

Governor Tom McCall has set October 30 as the date for a special legislative session.

He said he wants legislators to take up property tax relief and state aid for schools.

House Speaker F. F. Montgomery (R-Eugene), however, said declining state revenue probably means the legislature will have to cut some \$30 million from agency budgets passed during the regular session.

OSEA will have three representatives at the special session. They will be Executive Secretary Thomas C. Enright, Assistant Executive Secretary Edward L. Wilson and Wage and Salary Analyst Everett B. Stiles.



CONTRACT SIGNED A "ground rules" collective bargaining contract between the association and MacLaren School for Boys was signed by Superintendent Amos Reed on July 20. In the background are Walter Honderich and Richard Peterson, assistant superintendents; OSEA Field Representative Donald A. Beninger, who negotiated the contract; James White, MacLaren personnel officer; and Robert Smith, chairman of the employees bargaining council.

Basic Bargaining Contracts Negotiated With Agencies

Six more so-called "ground rules" collective bargaining contracts have been negotiated with state agencies by the Ore-

gon State Employees Association during the past month.

Over 1,300 state employees are working under the contracts.

The agencies are Eastern Oregon State Hospital with 389 employees, Columbia Park Hospital and Training Center, 147; MacLaren School for Boys, 295; University of Oregon Medical School, 398; Workmen's Compensation Board, 120; and the Oregon Blind Commission, 17 employees.

The contracts have been described as ground rules agreements which outline the procedures to be followed in establishing collective bargaining.

As the association and the agencies get into bargaining, supplemental agreements will be added to the basic contract spelling out specific bargaining items.

Such items, for example, could be the scheduling of vacation and compensatory time, travel and moving allowances, assignment of personnel to shifts and other working conditions.

Additional contract negotiations are going on in a number of state agencies.

They include Hillcrest School for Girls, Board of Health, Liq-

uor Control Commission and the State Compensation Department.

OSEA has now signed contracts with 19 state agencies. Over 7,300 employees are working under the documents.

Chapters Warned Resolutions Due

OSEA's 79 local chapters throughout the state have been reminded by Field Representative C. D. Johansen that September 5 is the deadline for submitting resolutions to the 1967 General Council.

Resolutions must be sent to headquarters by that date so they may be duplicated and sent to chapters for study by members and delegates.

Johansen said a resolution guide has been mailed to all chapters. It outlines the procedures to be used in drafting resolutions.

In addition, a resume of the existing policy resolutions will be mailed to the chapters during the first week in August. Johansen has asked chapters to refer to the resume so that they will not duplicate existing policy in submitting resolutions.

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