

Bill To Cut Pay Of Legislators, Officials Fails

SALEM (UPI)—The Ways and Means Salary subcommittee failed again Friday to approve a bill to cut the pay of legislators and state officials.

Three members of the subcommittee voted to approve the bill. Four voted against it.

The bill would have empowered Gov. Mark Hatfield to cut salaries of himself, the legislature, secretary of state, treasurer, attorney general and labor commissioner up to 10 per cent for the rest of this biennium.

Several legislators told the committee the legislature, in particular, should tighten its belt in view of the state's fiscal crisis.

Most of them agreed, however, legislators are not overpaid.

Reps. Ross Morgan, D-Gresham, and Beulah Hand, D-Milwaukie, replied that it would be a mistake to cut salaries purely "for a better image."

The discussion brought forth some praise for Republican Gov. Hatfield from Democratic Ways and Means Co-Chairman Morgan.

It came during a debate over whether the legislature should specify budget cuts, or delegate general budget-cutting authority to Hatfield.

Morgan said Hatfield's own party feels the governor has made a "grave political mis-

take" by volunteering to do the cutting himself.

"Hatfield has shown unusual political courage in doing something he knows is probably a political mistake because he can do a better job," Morgan said.

Rep. Stafford Hansell R-Hermiston, called it "the big lie" to say that the legislature cannot spell out cuts in more detail.

Sen. Alfred Corbett, D-Portland, responded that the governor must have flexibility in making adjustments after the legislature goes home, since the full effects of some of the cuts will not be known for several weeks.

The subcommittee Thursday refused to pass out a bill by Rep. Winton Hunt, R-Woodburn, that would have reduced lawmakers' pay from \$250 to \$125 a month and would have eliminated expense money during special sessions.

The Collector's Corner

All countries seem to be issuing more attractive stamps than ever before. The Red Cross stamps issued by nearly all countries throughout the world are colorful. England's is most attractive.

Whether you are a collector of World Red Cross issues or not, a fine album to have is Part 1. While Ace has printed. Red Cross stamps of 15 countries are pictured with a fine annotation of each issue, very interesting material, 100 years of Red Cross. The "do-it-yourself" person can have some nice covers using our own Red Cross stamp that was issued Oct. 26, and our second Christmas stamp with your entire envelope covered with our 1963 TB Seals. Have your envelope canceled Christmas Day, the birthday of our beloved Clara Barton at North Oxford, Mass., her birthplace.

In 1907 our first TB Seals were issued in America. This movement was founded by Miss Emily Bissell of the Delaware chapter of the American Red Cross. In 1908 Seals were issued throughout the country by the American National Red Cross. These seals carried the Red Cross until the 1919 issue when the double-barred cross was placed on the seals with the Red Cross. The 1919 issue is the only seal that carries both. Never again did any seal carry the Red Cross.

With the 1920 seal we have the "Double-barred" cross only, the international symbol of the crusade against the tuberculosis. This cross, called Lorraine, was adopted by Godfrey de Bouillon, Duke of Lorraine, as his standard. He was chosen by the Crusaders as the first Christian King of Jerusalem in 1099. Our TB seals still carry the words Christmas Greetings.

Some may wonder why a seal is mentioned along with stamps. Most stamp collectors collect them. I have one of each issue since 1907. Denmark issued the first Christmas seal in 1904. I have one of each that Denmark has issued. Interesting covers can be had with different combinations.

All 5c City Mail Delivery stamps used for First Day of Issue were phosphor-tagged and 13 1/2 million of the 5c Washington stamps have been printed with the luminescent phosphor coating.

Christmas is coming and the new stamp is here. Many fascinating covers can be had, there are over 25 post offices with Christmas cancellations, such as Santa, Idaho. There are eight different stamps with a Bethlehem postoffice, Christmas Valley, Oregon; Christmas Island, Hawaii; and four states with a North Pole, post office. Our Christmas stamp had its first day of issue at Santa Claus, Ind., Nov. 1.

Eighteen African states are affiliated with the EEC (European Economic Community). Stamp collectors can look forward to commemorative stamps from each state, very much like the Europa issues. This would be a fascinating collection. Get in on the ground floor to keep your cost down, otherwise they will be as hard to get and as costly as the Europa stamps.

Mongolia has issued some beautiful butterfly stamps, a butterfly collection is interesting. Sept. 29 Albania issued a magnificent set.

Israel has issued two picture postcards, the first ones were issued Aug. 20, 1950. This collection alone makes an attractive display.

Each month I receive many telephone calls from both men and women, nearly all tell me the same thing and asking me the same questions. "I have many old old letters, that I have been tearing the stamps off and giving to the children in my neighborhood." "In your Collector's Corner you seem to think the stamps should be left on all envelopes, please tell me why?"

Yes, I believe all stamps should be left on the envelope. This way they have the cancellation showing. This alone is history. And in New York Oct. 23, 1963, an 1851 envelope franked with a horizontal strip of the 1c blue Benjamin Franklin stamp issued by our government July 1, 1851, sold for \$12,000. So please do not remove the stamps from the envelopes, especially old letters.

My pen friend in Iceland has sent me envelopes franked with the most beautiful flower stamps I have seen in a long time. One envelope carries seven different flower stamps. For the geology collector, a sheet of the TB seals from Okinawa showing the colored coral found in the waters around Okinawa is interesting to have. Last year Mexico's TB seals pictured 50 different kind of birds all in full color, this year it's Butterflies and a beautiful sheet, each a different butterfly and in brilliant colors.

For the collector that never can hope to own the Gold Tonga 13 round stamps, Life magazine, Oct. 11 issue, gives a fine picture of them. This we can all own. A First Day cover would be wonderful to see. I have heard of no one that has seen one. They are listed in stamp papers for \$47.50 for one cover. The price will climb rapidly.

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Romney's New Tax Plan Is Defeated

LANSING, Mich. (UPI)—Gov. George Romney's ambitious plan for rewriting Michigan's tax laws lay demolished Friday, but he refused to concede total defeat for the plan.

Romney, a possible 1964 Republican presidential contender, who had campaigned extensively for support of his fiscal reform program, said "there was more Republican support than ever before for basic tax reform."

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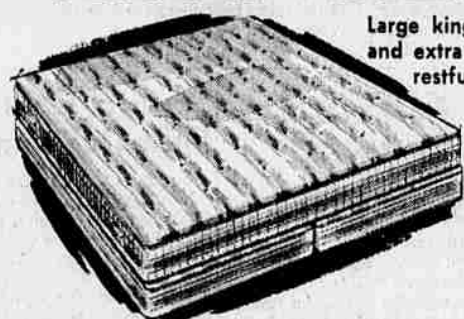
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