

Legislators' Pay Cut Proposal Considered 'Blunder'

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 SALEM (UPI)—Sponsors of a bill to cut legislators' pay by \$100 a month may be having second thoughts.
 Many members of both parties in both houses feel the 11 Republicans who submitted the bill made a terrible strategic blunder.
 When it was introduced last week, tempers flared. But a day later the lid was apparently on, and nobody since has had much to say about it.
 Gov. Mark Hatfield made it clear he wasn't backing the pay cut move.
 The pay issue could kill attempts to create an image of legislative harmony.
 There isn't much real support for the idea in either party.
 Just before the legislature convened, United Press International

polled lawmakers on the pay question. Replies came from 61 of the 90 legislators. Six said their pay should be increased, 13 said it should be lowered, and 42 said no change should be made.
 House Republicans have adopted a modified unit rule. If two-thirds agree in caucus, the understanding is all the GOP House members will vote that

when a bill hits the floor. If the pay bill is voted on in its present form, the unit rule will go out the window.
 If the bill should reach the Senate, it's anybody's guess as to what will happen. House members voted to cut their pay during the 1963 special session, but that senators' pay would not go along.
 But senators were upset at having been put on the spot by House political maneuvering.
 There now appear three schools of thought in the Senate. One group wants to go along with whatever the House does. Another group says the day of House members should be cut, but that senators' pay should remain at its present level. A third body says the Senate should wipe out all pay and expense money, send the bill to a conference committee, and watch the House squirm in discomort.
 Only one thing appears certain. If the bill is pushed, it will cause an explosion that will shatter attempts to project a new kind of favorable legislative image.

Two Chiefs Agree On Procedure During Presidential Disability

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The White House said today President Johnson and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey had reached a verbal understanding on procedures in event the Chief Executive becomes disabled.
 Press Secretary George E. B. Reedy said the President

reached an understanding with Humphrey on a man-to-man basis before their inauguration last Wednesday. It called for them to abide by the same agreement concluded between Johnson and the late John F. Kennedy announced on Aug. 18.
 But Reedy said Johnson and Humphrey had not signed the agreement because there was "no necessary a great, binding contract."
 The Kennedy-Johnson agreement provided that: —In the event of inability the President would, if possible, inform the vice president. The vice president would serve as acting president, exercising powers and duties of the office until the inability had ended.
 —If the President could not communicate with the vice president, the vice president would decide how the powers and duties of the Chief Executive would be handled and would serve as acting president after consultation that seemed appropriate. The 1961 agreement said both Kennedy and Johnson felt the vice president should have cabinet approval and legal advice from the attorney general in any assumption of presidential powers.

—In either case, the President would determine when the inability had ended and would at that time resume full exercise of his powers and duties.

LBJ Pushes Moon Plan

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President Johnson today said that the United States intends "to explore the moon, not just visit or photograph it," and to "explore and chart the planets as well."
 The President announced these plans—which go beyond the Apollo Project to land two men on the moon by 1970—in submitting to Congress a review of "significant successes" scored by the nation's space programs in 1964.

The report said the U.S. goal is to become the world's "leading spacefaring nation." But it said also that a speedup in Soviet launch activities "was one of the most significant space features of 1964."
 Johnson said U. S. space successes last year were "gratifying and heartening omens of the gains and good to come."
 "Frustrating" was one of the benefits of space technology were almost common—place around the globe, warning us of gathering storms, guiding our ships at sea, assisting our map-makers, and serving, most valuably of all, to bring the peoples of many nations closer together in joint peaceful endeavors.

In addition to undertaking ambitious post-Apollo lunar and planetary programs, the President said "we shall expand our earth laboratory into space laboratories and extend our national strength into the space dimension."
 "We are determined that space shall be an avenue to world peace, and we both invite and welcome all men to join with us in this great opportunity."

60 Leaders Hold Meet

LAKEVIEW — Approximately 60 Camp Fire leaders attended the first annual meeting of the Lake County Camp Fire Girls' Council held Monday evening, Jan. 18, at Van's Breiler. Presiding was Mrs. Garth W. Thornburg.
 Elections were held by the leaders to fill four vacancies on the board. Paul Knox was elected treasurer to succeed Lon Linford; Mrs. Alvin Steninger was elected camp chairman to succeed Mrs. Paul Kiewer, who is now Horizon Club adviser; Mrs. Archie Leydig was named to the nominating committee to succeed Mrs. Wesley Dollard who is now council historian; and George Jackson was added to the board as member-at-large. Installation was by Mrs. Thornburg.
 The welcome was given by Mrs. Virl Shelton; invocation by Mrs. Kiewer; and entertainment by the fifth and sixth grade girls choir, directed by D. Waring Smith.

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