

'Pay-raise' budget delayed

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 OLYMPIA—Despite all the hustle and bustle Tuesday over moving the \$13.1 million supplemental budget, providing a range of pay raises, the spending document still has not come before the Senate for final action.

The reason is that Senator Martin J. Durkan, Ways and Means Committee Chairman, consulted with some legal authorities yesterday and decided that the budget could be passed anytime this month and still provide pay raises effective today.

Raises would go to state employees, nonteaching school-district employees and faculty and administrative staff of four-year colleges and universities. Increases averaging \$7.50 a month would go to persons on old-age assistance.

Durkan originally had understood that the bill had to be passed by both houses and signed by the governor today to satisfy a constitutional prohibition against retroactive pay raises. Now he has changed his mind.

Senate action on the supplemental budget is expected Monday or Tuesday. There is little doubt but what the bill will pass both houses, probably by about the middle of the month.

Bitter words over oil-spill legislation

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OLYMPIA — The issue was oil spills, but, near the end of a lengthy hearing last night, bitter words were spilling across a legislative hall.

The head of the Department of Ecology, a lawmaker and a spokesman for oil companies disagreed on the question of who should pay for and be responsible for cleanup of oil spills.

Vernon Lindskog, an Olympia attorney and representative of oil companies, testified a suggested tax on oil would provide a massive budget increase for the Department of Ecology. But, he added, industry and the United States Coast Guard already are capable of preventing and cleaning up spills.

John Biggs, head of the ecology department, rebut-

The Legislature

ted Lindskog's suggestion the oil-tax cleanup bill would build a departmental empire.

"I just totally disagree..." Biggs said.

THEN, AFTER Representative Donn Charnley, Seattle Democrat, delivered an emotional attack on oil companies, Lindskog rebutted him. Charnley charged that, during the Cherry Point oil spill last year, oil companies dawdled for 30 hours before trying to decide whether or not to spend money to clean it up.

Charnley was wrong, Lindskog pointed out. State, Coast Guard and oil companies thought the spill had been contained by a boom:

Never did the companies withhold action for money reasons, Lindskog said.

But Lindskog was outnumbered overwhelmingly during the more than two hours of testimony given to House and Senate Ecology committee members.

A stream of environmentalists and others called for the Legislature to enact legislation which would:

1. Impose a 2 cents a barrel tax on oil moving into the state.
2. Assign proceeds to the Department of Ecology to monitor oil movement, and transfer and set up a prevention program.
3. Money also would be available for clean-up if there are spills.

Total revenue would be about \$6 million for a biennium.

Representative Lois North, Seattle Republican, and a prime sponsor, said 410,000 barrels of oil move into the state each day. The tax, she added "represents less than 1 per cent of the oil's value."

Mary K. Becker, one of many witnesses from oil-spill-conscious Bellingham, said, "They (oil companies) are getting off easy."

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Veteran clerk runs a tight ship



Charles Gerold
 —Staff photo by Greg Gilbert.

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 OLYMPIA — The cynics may say that, when the Legislature is in session, it's brewing bitter medicine. But Charles Gerold finds it a tonic.

Gerold, a grizzled legislative watcher, suffered a heart attack 20 years ago. "They wanted to put me on the shelf," he recalls. Instead of going into total retirement, he took a job in the Legislature as a Republican Senate Caucus clerk. He's been happily at it ever since.

In fact, he's the chief G. O. P. guardian of decorum on the Republican side of the Senate: "I run a very tight ship over here."

Before the Depression, Gerold was in the weekly publishing business around Chicago. By 1941 he had traveled to Seattle to take over the weekly Queen Anne News.

In 1950 he began his own brief political career, appointed Republican State Representative, succeeding George Kinnear in a 36th District House seat. The heart attack quickly ended his career.

Gerold still lives in semi retirement on Whidbey Island with his wife of 51 years. But, as the Legislature begins, he travels to Olympia to take an apartment and begin his seasonal work.

Even in the span of 20 years, he's noticed historic changes in the Senate. He remembers when the last spittoon was taken off the floor—a happy event, because, Gerold remembers, the one senator who had used it "always missed."

He even remembers the last time Republicans had control of the Senate—1955. "There was a time when we (the G. O. P.) were down to 13 members" he says. (Today the G. O. P. is "up" to 18 members—still hopelessly outnumbered in the Senate.)

"It's a great place," says Gerold of the Legislature. "These people are all very sincere. They all work hard." Even Democrats, he conceded.

Gerold's fondest memories are of the young people who first appeared in the Legislature as pages ("Great kids!") and later as people of rising importance.

"There's Dennis in there in the caucus," he added. The reference was to one of Gerold's favorites, Dennis Hindman of Bellingham, one-time page, now an attorney on the Republican staff.

"I think this keeps me young," Gerold says of his job. "I really think it's prolonged my life." Today he'll be on the job as usual, as he observes his 74th birthday.

Tax-cut bill would slash liquor cost 2c an ounce

OLYMPIA — (AP) — Washington legislators are taking a look at a bill that would make liquor nearly 2 cents a fluid ounce cheaper and apply uniform license fees for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Representative Irving Newhouse, Mabton Republican, one of the sponsors of the legislation advocating a reduction in the liquor tax, said the object of the bill is "to make liquor prices more competitive with those of neighboring states."

But a lower liquor tax means less revenue to the state, and that could spell trouble for the bill. Newhouse said he expects the cut to cost \$19 million a biennium, part of which would be shared by cities and counties.

Measure would create new county

OLYMPIA — (UPI) — Legislation to create a new county by deleting a large section of Southwest King County has been circulated in the House by Representative Paul Barden, Seattle Republican, and four others.

Barden said the bill coincides with a petition drive in the area which would be named "Evergreen County."

If successful, the move would result in creation of the fourth largest county in the state with a population in excess of 200,000.

Barden said the new county would also have one of the largest property valuations per capita in the state.

Action by the Legislature is dependent upon a campaign to collect signatures of 60,000 registered voters in the area which includes the incorporated cities of Tukwila, Normandy Park and Des Moines.

\$2.9 million in bonds OK'd for Expo '74
 OLYMPIA — (UPI) — The Senate yesterday approved \$2.9 million in bonds to expand the state pavilion for Expo '74 in Spokane. The final vote on the measure (S. B. 2039) was 42-6.

The bonds are in addition to \$7.5 million allocated for state pavilion bonds by the 1971 Legislature.

Senator William S. Day, Spokane Democrat, and prime sponsor of the expansion bill, assured the Senate

that a corporate license tax imposed to cover the original bonds would more than cover the cost of the new bonds.

He said the bond fund could support up to \$14 million in obligations.

Lower drinking age urged at hearing
 OLYMPIA — (UPI) — Leroy Hittle, State Liquor Control Board member, today said that lowering the drinking age to 18 would relieve law-enforcement problems and not create serious new trouble areas.

Hittle told a joint legislative Judiciary Committee hearing that lowering the drinking age from 21 to 18 "would relieve the board of some of the biggest enforcement problems we have at the present time."

He was referring to the number of 18, 19 and 20-year olds who illegally purchase liquor at the present time.

The joint hearing was concerned with four proposals to lower the drinking age to 18 or 19 years.

Gov. Dan Evans has asked the Legislature to lower the drinking age to 18.

Assistant Secretary of State Sam S. Reed contended that although 18-year olds can marry on their own they cannot drink a champagne toast at their wedding.

On the other side, Lester A. Wetzstein, executive director of the Alcohol

Problems Association, contended that lowering the drinking age to 18 would mean liquor would be more readily available for 15, 16 and 17 year olds.

Closure planned for juvenile institutions
 OLYMPIA — (AP) — The state is "looking forward to complete closure" of state juvenile institutions, a Joint Ways and Means Committee meeting has been told.

Dr. Robert Shearer, assistant secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services, said however, that other than institutions now slated for closure, no others are planned in the upcoming biennium.

Shearer indicated yesterday that the emphasis on juvenile-rehabilitation programs will continue to shift them to the community level.

Shearer said the entire juvenile-rehabilitation program of the department for the next two years is seeking an increase of only \$1.7 million. Most of it, he said, will be used to broaden juvenile-probation subsidy programs under which counties are subsidized for youths put on probation in the community rather than committed to state institutions.

Dispute delays plan to save salmon
 OLYMPIA — (AP) — A program designed to save a

vanishing species of salmon has been delayed by disagreement over who is to pay the cost, legislators have been told.

R. S. Robison, assistant state director of fisheries, testified that Gov. Dan Evans decided to omit a spawning channel on the Elwha River from his budget for the next biennium.

Robison said the Crown-Zellerbach Corp., owner of two dams which obstruct the migration of salmon in the stream, agreed to pay only \$120,000 of the estimated \$720,000 cost.

Fisheries Department officials told the House and Senate Natural Resources Committees that only 80,000 eggs were taken for hatchery purposes last year from Elwha River salmon.

A department spokesman said the take of eggs the year before was 350,000.

The salmon, an extremely large fall chinook which the department says is unique to the Elwha, averages about 40 pounds. The river empties into the Strait of Juan de Fuca west of Port Angeles.

Congratulations for Nixon to be rewarded
 OLYMPIA — (AP) — A congratulatory resolution to President Nixon was slapped into a committee by the Senate yesterday after some sharply partisan debate.

The resolution, offered by

Republican minority senate leaders, was sent to the State Government Committee with instructions a reworked version be reported out in one week. The vote was a near-party-line alignment of 28-19.

Apparently one of the phrases in the resolution touching off the debate said the previous Nixon administration was marked by "major progress in the reduction of conflict at home and an increase in domestic tranquility through the implementation of significant social and economic programs and reforms that provide for a better way of life."

Senator Harry B. Lewis, Olympia Republican, minority leader, called attention to language he said was to show that many of the efforts of the President "deserve support from the other side of the aisle because they transcend partisanship."

Democrats said they didn't mind praising the President's actions they agreed with, but didn't want to be in a position of praising things they didn't like.

Digest of bills filed in the Legislature

BILLS FILED IN SENATE
 S. B. 2017—Guesz, Spokane Republican—Providing for abolition in disputes involving certain public-works contracts.
 S. B. 2018—Whetzel, Seattle Republican, and others—Providing financial assistance for loans to graduate students.
 S. B. 2019—Knoblauch, Summer Democrat—Reading a mandatory sentence of death for persons convicted of the illegal sale of heroin.
 S. B. 2020—Billy, South Bend Democrat and others—Allowing tax deductions to certain transportation utilities.
 S. B. 2021—Ridder, Seattle Democrat, and others—Prescribing information to be included in published notices of proposed constitutional amendments.
 S. B. 2022—Bottiger, Tacoma Democrat and others—Including sex, marital status or age in the laws against discrimination.
 S. B. 2023—Grant, Kent Democrat and Murray, Seattle Republican—Allowing first, second and third-class cities to operate off-street parking facilities and set minimum rates for their use.
 S. B. 2024—Francis, Seattle Democrat and Clarke, Seattle Republican—Providing new laws relating to marriage and divorce.
 S. B. 2025—Osgaard, Onalaska Democrat, and others—Populating the count of write-in votes of primaries and general elections.
 S. B. 2026—Resmusen, Tacoma Democrat—Prohibiting herring in Puget Sound or the Strait of Juan de Fuca within state waters.
 S. B. 2027—Resmusen—Regulating the commercial fishing for anchovies.
 S. B. 2028—Guesz and Henry, White Salmon Democrat—Requiring a study of the feasibility of establishing a state public-transportation fund.
 S. B. 2029—Ridder, Seattle Democrat, and others—Providing that applicants for an absentee ballot for a primary election shall also serve as application for a ballot for the following election.
 S. B. 2030—Henry and others—Prohibiting the driver of a motor vehicle from wearing sunglasses.
 S. B. 2031—March, Vancouver Democrat and others—Exempting certain personal property from excise tax.

BILLS FILED IN HOUSE
 H. B. 317—Tilly, Wenatchee Republican, and Wilson, Marysville Republican—Authorizing daylight-savings time to begin in April of 1972.
 H. B. 318—Goretti, Astoria Democrat, and others—Making meetings of the state and county central committees of political parties open meetings.
 H. B. 319—Warwick and others—Providing guidelines for determining fees for funding of milk safety and quality-control programs.
 H. B. 320—Newhouse, Mabton and others—Establishing new tax rates on sales of liquor and changing the classification and fees of licenses.
 H. B. 321—Curts, East Wenatchee Republican, and others—Preventing cities, towns and counties from requiring skilled workers in the building trades to obtain a license to practice their craft.
 H. B. 322—Morris, Everett Democrat and others—Providing regulations for contracts for public works or improvements of a first-class city.
 H. B. 323—Duchowicz, Seattle Democrat, and Gallagher, Tacoma Democrat—Providing regulations for the licensing of property operators.
 H. B. 324—Moon, Snohomish Democrat—Providing for review of political advertising by the Public Disclosure Commission in cases of a blood transfusion or issuance of a marriage license.
 H. B. 325—Lyster, Seattle Democrat, and others—Requiring of the

Bill would cut air fares for elderly

Representative Joel Pritchard will introduce legislation to allow air travelers 62 years or older to get reduced fares on a space-available basis, the Associated Press reported from Washington, D. C.

"Older people are generally living on fixed incomes which allow limited expenditures for air travel at standard fare levels," Pritchard said.

Audit discloses fee shortage
 OLYMPIA — (UPI) — A state audit report disclosed yesterday a cash shortage of more than \$1,000 in the camping — fee fund for Steamboat Rock State Park.

The report from Auditor Robert V. Graham said an internal examination revealed that the ranger at the park failed to turn in camping fees since June 1 of last year.

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