

Nixon Asks Minimum Unemployment Benefits Law

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Nixon urged Congress Thursday to establish federal standards for unemployment compensation benefits, now administered by the states, and to extend coverage to 850,000 farm workers.

In a special message to Congress, his third in three days, Nixon said his legislation would guarantee that about 80 per cent of workers covered by unemployment

insurance would receive at least half their average weekly wage when out of work.

The President said he also wants a third change in the unemployment insurance system that would bar payment of benefits to strikers, now paid by only two states, New York and Rhode Island. This, he explained, would "preserve the neutrality" of the system during labor disputes.

Opposition is expected from both business and the agricultural industry over farm worker coverage and the new federal standard.

Organized labor's chief spokesman, AFL-CIO President George Meany, voiced approval of these two features but said the proposal is "heavily outweighed by numerous and glaring deficiencies."

Meany objected to the labor dispute provision and complained that no provisions were included for determining how long individuals must be employed before they are eligible for benefits, or for how long a jobless worker is entitled to receive benefits. He called this a step backward and said the AFL-CIO would oppose it.

Nixon recalled that in 1969 he asked the states to raise jobless benefits voluntarily to his suggested half-pay minimum, but few responded.

Although most states now set benefits at half pay, their formula is rendered almost meaningless because it usually is fixed on relatively low ceilings based on average wages in the state.

Nixon said the result is that more than two-fifths of all workers covered by unemployment insurance receive benefits less than half their normal pay.

He proposed that an insured worker, when out of work, receive benefits "equal to at least 50 per cent of his average weekly

wage up to a state maximum which shall be at least two-thirds of the average weekly wage of covered workers in the state."

Weekly unemployment compensation benefits paid by the states, usually over a maximum 26-week period, range from \$50 to \$109. Only three states—Arkansas, Hawaii, Utah—and the District of Columbia now meet the proposed

standard.

Nixon estimated that his proposal would increase costs to state unemployment insurance funds by an average of 15 per cent, which would raise the tax for employers. But the President said unemployment insurance is one of the least expensive of all fringe benefits, accounting for less than one cent of each payroll dollar.

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