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Decision is 'ticklish'

House to decide on pay raises

By EDMOND LEBRETON
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives faces a ticklish decision on whether to accept a pay raise this election year.

There is strong sentiment in both parties in favor of amending the legislative appropriation bill today to deny funds for the pay raise that otherwise will come automatically Oct. 1.

For two years, the pay of members of Congress has been tied to the over-all government formula that provides for cost-of-living increases. If it is allowed to go into effect, the 1976 raise will increase members' salaries from \$44,600 to about \$46,740.

While key Democrats and Republicans agreed on the principle of

foregoing the pay hike, they squared away for a rough partisan fight on other proposals that the GOP minority is pushing in the name of congressional reform.

Limiting perquisites and tightening House fiscal practices has been a prime political issue in the wake of the sex-payroll scandals that mostly involved accusations against Democrats.

Democrats contend they already have taken important steps to curb any abuses and that other major actions should await recommendations of Congress' newly created Commission on Administration Review.

At the behest of the House Democratic caucus, the Democratic majority on the Rules Committee authorized floor consideration of amendments that would bar any pay

raise through Sept. 30, 1977. The committee turned down Republican demands that the appropriations bill be opened up for a variety of other amendments.

The Republican Policy Committee said that if the Democratic majority refuses to let other amendments come to a vote, "then charges will be justified that the House remains a semi-secret club, self-perpetuating itself with generous allowances and benefiting from hiring practices, perquisites and automatic inflation-triggered pay raises."

Besides barring the pay raises, the Democratic caucus-sponsored amendments would give statutory backing to the Review Commission and to a resolution trimming the authority of the House Administration

Committee, formerly headed by Rep. Wayne L. Hays, D-Ohio, to increase members' allowances without a vote of the whole House.

Whatever action the House takes to deny itself the pay raise would not bind the Senate. The chamber would be under no pressure to follow suit when it receives the bill.

House Republicans have their own amendments denying the pay raise and trimming the authority of the Administration Committee. In addition, they want members' and committee counts, a requirement that would be certified as representing expenses only, and more control of fiscal and employment data.

Hays asks sex charges dropped

By JIM ADAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Lawyers for Rep. Wayne L. Hays and the House Ethics Committee are negotiating a deal for Hays to resign from Congress in return for a halt to the panel's investigation of payroll-sex charges against him.

The bargaining hit a snag late yesterday on a question of timing. The Ethics Committee was reported to be considering a resolution that said Hays was resigning effective Sept. 8, that the committee's payroll-sex inquiry would be suspended immediately when Hays' letter of resignation was delivered but that the investigation would not completely

terminate until he actually resigns.

The Hays case also is being investigated by the Justice Department to determine whether the congressman should be prosecuted. Any Hays resignation would have no impact on that investigation.

A reliable source said the Ohio Democrat had been expected Tuesday to deliver his resignation letter to Speaker Carl Albert and then to the Ethics Committee.

But sources later said Hays' representatives had not left the letter with the committee. The Hays' representatives indicated they objected to the committee's reluctance to guarantee that its inquiry will end until Hays actually leaves office.

The Ethics Committee adjourned Tuesday without taking any action on its resolution to terminate the payroll-sex investigation and Chairman John J. Flynt scheduled another meeting today.

Judah Best, Hays' lawyer, and Hays' press secretary, Carol Clawson, met with Flynt and Ethics Committee staff members for more than an hour after that.

The Ethics Committee investigation had been requested by Hays himself three months ago after Elizabeth Ray accused him of keeping her on his House Administration Committee payroll to be his mistress.

Hays admitted he had had a personal relationship with her but said

the Ethics Committee investigation would exonerate him by establishing that she had done nothing for her \$14,000 a year.

But when Hays dropped the election campaign three weeks ago, he said in an interview that his son was that "I don't want to give a woman a chance to make an appearance."

His offer to resign from Congress was reportedly made shortly after the Ethics Committee began Monday to begin hearings. Despite his lawyer's plea that Hays was too depressed to defend himself, the committee members have a resignation would make the investigation moot.

Moslems, Palestinians say Syrians threaten

Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The embattled alliance of Moslem leftists and Palestinian guerrillas today talked of threats from the north and south, charging new Syrian reinforcements and a possibility of Israeli intervention in Lebanon's civil war.

Leftist newspapers claimed that 7,000 more Syrian troops had crossed into northern Lebanon yesterday to tighten the ring around the isolated Moslem port city of Tripoli and two nearby Palestinian refugee camps. There was no confirmation of the reports, however.

Moslem spokesmen said they also feared that the Israeli army would try to take control of Palestinian guerrilla bases in southern Lebanon following a clash between guerrillas and Christian militiamen in the village of Ein Ibil, three miles north of the Israeli border.

The leftists said an Israeli announcement that Christian leaders in the village asked for Israeli protection might be a pretext for an Israeli invasion.

Moslem spokesmen pointed out that Syria's military intervention in June was preceded by requests from beleaguered Christian towns in northern and eastern Lebanon for protection from Palestinian and Moslem attacks.

Four Palestinians from Yasir Arafat's Al Fatah guerrillas and three Christians were killed in the clash at Ein Ibil, the home village of Maronite Patriarch Antonious Khreish.

The Maronites, Lebanon's largest Christian sect, dominated the government and the economy before the war.

Lebanon's Christian president-elect, Elias Sarkis, returned from a one-day visit to Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Beirut newspapers reported that Assad was demanding the removal of Arafat from the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization,

the umbrella Palestinian organization.

On the battle fronts, the Christians and Moslems made inroads into each other's sectors of Beirut and long-range artillery barrages continued in the neighboring mountains. Hospital officials estimated that more than 90 people were killed and 130 wounded in night's fighting.

No record found of beaten alien

Associated Press

LOS FRESNOS — An investigation by Mexican and U.S. officials has revealed no records of an illegal alien who died shortly after he allegedly was beaten by federal officials while being transported out of Texas.

U.S. Immigration and Mexican consular officials said yesterday they have found nothing about the alien identified by the Mexican Foreign Ministry as Cornelio Balderas

Loredo of San Luis Potosi, Mex.

Officials in Mexico City said they had requested a U.S. investigation after it was learned the man died two days after reaching his hometown. A Mexico City newspaper said Balderas Loredo was beaten by U.S. Immigration officials while being taken by bus from Austin to the border.

The incident allegedly occurred the weekend of Aug. 22.

Walter Edwards, assistant regional commissioner of immigration in Dallas, said his office had checked records for the past several weeks for persons taken to the detention center at Los Fresnos and had found anyone by the name of Balderas Loredo.

"We also checked under the name of Cornelio Gonzales Loredo," Edwards said, "after we were told that was his name and we still could find any records."

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