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Congressmen Meet For Lengthy Session Prior To Five-Weeks' Recess

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate and House meet today for a last long, contentious session before taking a five or six week recess for the political conventions.

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Pay Hike Veto Is Overridden

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Mailmen and government workers reigned today as a potent bloc of voters with power to persuade Republicans as well as Democrats to slap down President Eisenhower's veto and grant an election-year pay raise.

With blue-shirted postmen cheering in the galleries, the Senate and House Friday overrode the veto of a \$740 million salary hike for 1,570,000 federal employees despite Eisenhower's charge that it represented "fiscal and legislative irresponsibility."

Immediately after the vote, the White House accused backers of jamming through the raise by "pressure and pork barrel tactics."

The House overrode the veto first, 345-69, and then the Senate followed suit, 74-24. Many Republicans in both chambers joined Democrats in toppling Eisenhower's veto. The margins were well above the needed two-thirds majority.

It was only the second time Congress has passed a bill over Eisenhower objections in his 7½ years in the White House. The Democratic Congress last September overrode the President's veto of a public works money bill.

The bill will give a 7 to 7½ per cent raise to 1,170,000 white collar workers in the executive, judicial and legislative branches of government, including employees on the staffs of congressmen and higher grade postal workers.

An additional 400,000 postal employees in the six lower wage brackets will get increases averaging 8.6 per cent.

Unpaid Light Bills To Indiana-Michigan

Many people of the Decatur area are erroneously under the impression that since the electric utility has been sold that they will not have to pay this month's light bill. This, however, is not true.

In the contract between Decatur and I&M, it states that any accounts that are unpaid by the end of July will be bought by I&M from the city and I&M will then be responsible to see that the bills are collected. J. Calvin Hill, division manager of I&M, stated that his company is not strict about the paying of bills, but if they are not paid after a period of time, the company will probably be forced to cut off the power of the debtor. The meters were read today and the city's final bill will soon be received by the customers.

To Correct Error In Minimum Wage Law

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A congressman's mistake in scribbling an amendment in long-hand has resulted in inadvertent House passage of legislation that would deprive 14 million workers of minimum wage protection.

The error, committed in the hurry-burry rush toward a recess before the political conventions, threw into confusion chances for approval of a minimum wage increase this year.

"It got written wrong, that's all," Rep. Frank E. Smith (D-Miss.) explained today.

When the error was discovered Friday, Smith moved quickly to make sure it wouldn't become law. Everyone agreed that would not happen. Smith said he had received assurances that the mistake would be corrected by the Senate.

There was no immediate official comment from the Wiesbaden headquarters of the U.S. Air Force in Europe.

American Air Force spokesmen in Britain, where the missing plane was based, also refused to comment.

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It was last heard from at 11 p.m. (5 p.m. c.d.t.) Friday. Air Force spokesmen at Wiesbaden this morning refused to say how close the plane was to the Russian border when it last reported or to speculate on the possibility that it might have strayed over Soviet territory.

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City attorney Robert Anderson assured the Daily Democrat today that reports that the city can not invest the money from the sale of the electric utility are not true. There are certain conditions for investing the money, but the state board of accounts has not told Decatur officials that they will be unable to invest the money at all, but must leave it in the general fund.

U.S. Bomber Is Missing On Norway Flight

WIESBADEN, Germany (UPI) — A U.S. Air Force reconnaissance plane missing more than 12 hours on a mapping mission over northern Europe was believed today to have crashed landed in the North Sea. Radio signals indicated its six-man crew was afloat in a rubber dinghy.

It was first feared the six-jet RB47 might have gone down near Russia's northwest frontier.

But the Scheveningen marine radio in Holland reported this afternoon that it had picked up open signals from six men in a dinghy off southern Norway. The station alerted all shipping in the area between Stavanger, Norway, and the Oorkney Islands off Scotland to be on the lookout for the dinghy and the men.

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SALE OF THE DECATUR electric utility to Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. was officially completed Friday afternoon in the office of Mayor Donald E. Gage. Pictured above are, from left to right: Mrs. Laura Besse, city clerk-treasurer; J. Calvin Hill, Fort Wayne division manager; I & M; second row, left to right: Von Livingston, I&M; Robert Anderson, Decatur city attorney; T. F. Granner, president of the First State Bank; and city councilmen Lawrence Kohne, Frank Braun, Clyde Drake, Carl Gerber and Norbert Aumann.

Millions Take To Highways Over Nation

United Press International

Millions of fourth of July vacationers jumped into the family car today and raced for the open road where an estimated 370 of them were expected to die.

As the first traffic fatalities of the 78-hour, three-day weekend were reported, the National Safety Council warned that bright sunlight blessing most of the nation could turn to a curse for drivers tempted to put on too much speed.

At 9 a.m. e.d.t., United Press International figures showed 49 persons dead in traffic accidents since the start of the holiday weekend at 6 p.m. local time Friday.

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Indiana-Michigan Buys Office Site

Friday afternoon at 2:55 p.m. (c.d.t.) J. Calvin Hill, division manager of Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., presented to Mayor Donald E. Gage, two checks which were for a total of \$2,03,058.50 for the purchase of the municipal electric utility.

Present at the meeting were Gage, city attorney, Robert Anderson, clerk-treasurer, Mrs. Laura Besse; city auditor, Ed Kauffman; the city councilmen, Norbert Aumann, Lawrence Kohne, Clyde Drake, Carl Gerber and Frank Braun; Ed Hagan, and Von E. Livingstone, counsel for I & M; T. F. Granner, president of the First State Bank, and Hill.

Hill said that the company hopes to build friendships in Decatur and to prove to the people who didn't want to sell that they were wrong. But he said "only time will tell."

Hill went on to say that he believed his company had the ability to make Decatur a better city and because it is the second largest city in the division, he knows that I & M will do the best job possible. "But," he said, "I & M will be judged by the way they act."

After the checks were presented, Hill talked to the council, explaining that the district office will be where the present Decatur Super Service building is and that the office will be under the management of Ed Hagan, who has been manager of the Bluffton district, which is being moved to Decatur. He explained that work of remodeling the building would begin very soon and I & M hoped to have it done about the first of the year. He also stated that they hope to have full operations underway by November.

Hill explained that