PAY CUT BILLS CAUSE SPLIT

NY Journal 3/21/32

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Four proposals for slashing salaries of Federal employes were to be taken up today by the House Economy Committee.

Following a deadlock in the McDuffie sub-committee, where the wage reduction measures were under consideration, the proposals were to be reported to the committee as a whole without recommendation.

Bi... Still in Deadlock

NY Journal 3/22/32

WASHINGTON, March 22.—The House Economy Committee, laboring to draft a bill reducing salaries of Government workers, wrestled with the problem again without reaching a final decision.

Chairman Byrns (D.), Tennessee, said the group probably would agree tomorrow on a measure they hope to rush through Congress.

SENATE GROUP FAVORS NEW JUDGESHIP IN N. J.

NY Journal 3/26/32

WASHINGTON, March 26.—A bill creating an additional Federal judgeship in New Jersey was approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

JERSEY DRY CHIEF SEES BETTERMENT

Trenton Times 2/26/32

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP).—Prohibition enforcement conditions in the district comprising Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware were described today by Amos W. W. Woodcock, director of prohibition, as "good" with steady improvement.

Woodcock hailed John D. Pennington, administrator for the area, as "one of our best administrators" and said an inspection of the district showed Pennington to be doing "good work."

"I am not satisfied with the work at Philadelphia," said Woodcock, "but neither am I satisfied with conditions anywhere else. Prohibition enforcement is improving but certainly it is not perfect."

SALARY CUT FOES FIND U. S. PAY LOW

Phila Record 3/17/32

Average Annual Income Less Than $2000, Survey Shows.

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP).—The average annual income of Government employes in Washington—the men and women who leave more money with the markets, shops and theaters of the National capital than any other group of citizens—has been found less than $2000.

This figure was determined by an elaborate system of charts prepared by R. E. Marsh, president of the organization of professional employes of the Department of Agriculture, and submitted in opposition to various attempts in Congress to reduce Federal salaries.

He showed that 60 per cent. of the Federal payroll went into pay envelopes ranging from $1000 to $2199 a year and that the salary class receiving it constituted 59 per cent. of the employes.

$5000 Salaries Scarce.

"In the three-fourths of a million civil employes of the Government," Marsh says, "only three in 500 receive $5000 a year or more.

"Included in this group are the Cabinet officers, assistant secretaries, bureau chiefs and some of the leading scientists of the country.

"On the other hand, about one in six receives less than $1000, or $20 a week, and three out of every four receive less than $2200, or $43 a week."

Other of the charts submitted by Marsh show that pay in Government positions has been less than the pay in similar positions in the manufacturing industry for the last 25 to 30 years—as much as one-third less over the last decade.

U. S. Pay Below Average.

Government employes' real earnings in 1931 (incomes based on salary compared with living costs) were still substantially below the average for 1890-99.

Employes in manufacturing and transportation have had wages increased for the last 30 years, and since 1915 have been on a distinctly higher plane though the last few months may have brought the relationship closer.

Marsh estimates the proposed 10 per cent. cut in salary brackets above $2700 would reduce the $1,055,970,636 payroll of the 732,460 employes about 1½ per cent. and the total costs of Federal government about one-third of one per cent.

"The proposed cuts of Federal employes' salaries," he says, "will not reduce the direct taxes of the farmer, laborer and small business man. About 97 per cent. of the people pay no Federal income tax."

Marsh says only about 14 per cent. of the cost of National government is represented in expenditures by the various departments.

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Meanwhile, Representative Cooper, Republican, Ohio, in a statement said the one cent a gallon on imported foreign oil carried in the bill would return more than 300,000 railroad employes to work if it were approved.

In revolt against the party leadership, some 50 Democrats of the House were banded today to wage battle on the manufacturers' sales tax, but Republican votes now are counted on to preserve this key feature of the big revenue bill.

The showdown will come soon. General debate will be ended tonight and consideration of amendments on the billion-dollar measure will start tomorrow. It will take about a week to act on the bill.

A petition signed by 39 members today was submitted to the clerk of the Republicans asking for a conference of House members on the new revenue bill.

JACKSON, Miss., March 17 (AP).—Plain clothes men guarded the Governor's mansion last night after an all-day demonstration against the administration's sales tax proposal culminated in a mass march of citizens through the city and into the capitol.

Efforts of the crowd to gain audience with Governor Martin Sennett Conner were unsuccesful. One man drew a pistol and threatened those that barred the door to the chief executive's office, but was pulled back into the crowd.

Rebuffed, the crowd milled about the rotunda crying for the Gocernor to appear and an hour later dispersed after distributing anti-sales tax placards over the capitol grounds and in the Senate chamber. The three-cent retail sales tax bill, approved by the House, is under consideration by the Senate Finance Committee.

FEDERAL SALARY SLASH READY

Trenton Times 3/23/32

WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP.)—The special House economy committee today tentatively agreed on a salary reduction proposal of eleven per cent. on all government employes after allowing a $1,000 exemption.

A. F. OF L. FIGHTS U. S. PAY CUTS

NY Journal 3/25/32

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Organized labor today threw all its influence against proposed reductions in Federal employes' salaries.

Following a meeting of 100 national labor organization officials, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, appointed a committee to wage a battle throughout the country against salary slashing.

The proposed wage cut would effect the buying power of 800,000 persons.

U. S. Personnel Bill Receives Support

Trenton Times 3/24/32

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP). The House expenditures committee today tentatively approved the Cochran bill to consolidate all personnel activities affecting the 1,200,000 civilian Government employes.

The measure would give the President authority to merge all personnel activities into a new civil service administration.

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Trenton Times 3/25/32

Senate Committee Cuts Number Provided, from Two. House Acts Favorably

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP).—The Senate Judiciary Committee will recommend to the Senate Monday enactment of legislation to give New Jersey one additional Federal judge.

The committee today instructed Senator Hebert, Republican, Rhode Island, to report the bill favorably but cut the number of judges from two to one. Senator Kean, Republican, New Jersey, who introduced the measure, said he believed two additional judges were necessary to take care of the flood of the criminal cases now on the dockets in New Jersey.

The Perkins' bill, to establish one additional judge, has been reported favorably to the House by its Judiciary Committee.

Passage of these bills would authorize President Hoover to nominate a successor to the late Judge Runyon, of Plainfield. Runyon was appointed a temporary judge shortly after the prohibition law went into effect. At that time it was believed the court dockets would be cleared of prohibition cases within a few years. This was not the case and the need for an additional judge became apparent upon the death of Runyon.

Several candidates for appointments to the Federal bench in New Jersey have sprung up since the introduction of the legislation. Foremost among these is Phillip Forman, of Trenton, United States District Attorney for New Jersey. Others include Alexander McLeod, of Paterson, and Harlan Besson, of Jersey City.

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The agents and beer men leaped from their cars and went at each other in the street. The attackers tried to seize the truck, but were beaten off. Agent Parks suffered a bad facial laceration.

During the fight the tires on the agents' car were slashed. It was not so badly damaged as the gangsters' car in the crash.

The truck was loaded with 70 half-barrels of beer. On its side was a sign reading "Fred Muller, Moving, Nutley, N. J."

The prisoner was to be arraigned before United States Commissioner Holland in Newark on charges of transportation and possession of liquor. Tutt said that Berry was released only last Tuesday after serving 40 days in jail on a similar charge.

JERSEYMEN FIGHT FEDERAL PAY CUT

Trenton Times 3/29/32

Most of Congress Delegation See Slash As Doubtful Economy

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP).—Most of New Jersey's Congressional delegation are opposed to any Federal pay cut on the ground such action would be "doubtful economy" and would react unfavorably on nation-wide business conditions.

Voicing their opinions in anwser to questions by representatives of the American Federation of Labor yesterday, the four Democrats in the delegation went on record as opposed to any wholesale slash the economy committee might report.

Representative Stewart, Democrat, of Plainfield, said "more harm than good would come of such a move."

Representative Cavicchia, Republican, of Newark, said he was opposed particularly to any cut for postal employes and that he also was against reductions for lower salaried workers. He asserted the Government failed to raise salaries during inflation periods.

Agreeing with Cavicchia regarding postal employes, Representative Eaton, Republican, of North Plainfield, declared he would oppose any cut that did not reach every Government employe from the President to the lowest pensioner. There has been no proposal for such a drastic slash.

Representative Lehlbach, of Newark, expressed opposition to reductions of wages of Civil Service employes and Representative Seger, of Passaic, saw in the proposed cut a severe blow at "the prospect of an early return to prosperity."

Representative Mary T. Norton, of Jersey City, said she was prepared to "vigorously oppose" the salary reduction proposal.

NEWARK POST OFFIC... BIDS ABOVE BUDGET

Trenton Times 3/31/32

WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP).—The Treasury Department announced today that bids for construction of the new Post Office and Federal Court House at Newark, N. J., exceeded the appropriation and that supplemental bids would be requested.

The low bid of $3,435,000, submitted by the M. McLennan Construction Company, of Chicago, was about $200,000 over the appropriation. Twenty contractors made offers yesterday to erect the building for sums ranging from $3,400,000 to $4,800,000. These bids will be returned when the new call is issued.

PHANTOM RUM TRUC... RUMOR IS SCOUTE...

Trenton Times 3/30/3...

NEWARK, N. J., March 30 (AP).—Rumors of "phantom" trucks trundling over the countryside to trick prohibition agents while rum runners landed cargoes of liquor on the Monmouth County shore were characterized as "a lot of hot air" by Deputy Prohibition Administrator Lewis J. Tutt.

"However," Tutt said, "the rumor has gained some currency and I intend to look into it. I don't place any credence in it because night before last, when the liquor was supposed to have been landed it would have taken the Leviathan to stand the heavy seas that were pounding the New Jersey shore."

Agents succeeded in nipping one truckload of liquor—containing 208 cases—at Atlantic Highlands, and arresting Edward Duffy, of Newark. Duffy was held in $5,000 bail by Commissioner Freedman on charges of ... legal transportation and possession.