

# Councillors Likely to OK Payroll Bill Unamended

## Recesses Today Until January 20 Following Enactment of Measure

House of Councillors is expected to pass the Public Service Payroll Bill unamended, rejecting the revision of both the Social and the Labor parties. Enactment of the measure will go into a recess until January 20. The Lower House Steering Committee decided Friday. Opening ceremony of the Diet session will be on January 22 and Prime Minister Yoshida will deliver his policy speech on January 23.

The Opposition in the House of Councillors Friday failed to agree on a joint amendment proposal for the Public Service Payroll Bill. The plan advanced by the Social Democrats required an increase in the Supplementary Budget which was passed by the last Diet while that of the Labor-Farmer Party was found incomplete. Meanwhile, the Ryokufukai group of Independents Friday was inclined in favor of the original bill, promising its passage Saturday by a large majority.

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# Diet Prerogative Bill Voted Down By Reps

TOKYO, Dec. 2.—The House of Representatives today voted down the Opposition's resolution calling for the safeguarding of the Diet right for deliberations on administrative affairs.

The resolution was introduced to the House plenary session this afternoon with explanations given thereon by Saburo Shiikuma, Democrat from Hokkaido.

Stern objection was then voiced by Tadao Kuraishi, Liberal from Nagano Prefecture and Hirohide Ishida, Liberal from Akita Prefecture.

Unjuro Muto, Socialist from Gumma Prefecture and Hyakuro Hayashi, Communist from Nagano Prefecture, spoke in favor of the resolution.

The vote took place and the resolution was turned down by the overwhelming majority.

# NPA Opposed To Bill

TOKYO, Dec. 15.—The National Personnel Authority is strongly opposed to the Government-drafted bill revising the existing law stipulating the wage amounts for the Government officials in the general services which is expected to be placed before the House of Councillors plenary session tomorrow.

In this connection, a NPA representative told a personnel committee session of the House of Councillors today that the NPA could not possibly approve the Government's bill which has given no consideration to the recommendations made by the NPA.

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# Administrative Reform Bill To Be Proposed

Administrative reform envisaging, among others, revision of a social security law for labor ministry through the Welfare and Labor Ministries will be submitted to the Diet toward the end of next year, it was announced Saturday.

Members of the Administrative Management Board indicated that with completion of the plan for next year it will be sent to the Diet toward February.

Creation of a social security and labor ministry, the proposed bill aims to give more power to the Economic Stabilization Board and establish a bureau and an over-all bureau within it.

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# Several Bills Passed

TOKYO, Dec. 5.—The plenary session of the House of Representatives was held at 3.12 p.m. and passed several major bills.

The bill for the partial revision of laws pertaining to court officials was the first to be introduced for deliberations. The bill was adopted after a report was made thereon by Shungo Abe, Liberal.

The bill on special exceptions on the Income Tax Law was then introduced, together with the Sugar Excise Tax Law Revision Bill and the bill pertaining to the partial revision of the Commodity Tax Law. These bills were also passed.

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# Local Official Bill May Be Scrapped

TOKYO, Dec. 8.—There is growing indication that the Local Public Official Bill will be scrapped notwithstanding frantic Government efforts to make it a law.

Such a tendency will be sure to bring about far reaching effects on the draft supplementary budget and the Wage Revision Bill and there is much likelihood that these bills as well will be shelved until the forthcoming regular Diet session.

The Government was expected to carry out negotiations with SCAP today with regard to the draft supplementary budget in view of stern objection on the part of the Opposition which is insisting on the increase of the Equalization Grant and the extension of the year-end allowance of one-month pay.

Despite the objection of the Opposition, however, the Government is generally optimistic on the wishful assumption that the Opposition's revision will not be accepted by SCAP.

In case the revision is turned down, however, the draft budget will be voted down at the House of Councillors where the Opposition is numerically superior, it is generally surmised.

The Government is of the opinion that even if the draft budget is voted down at the relevant committee session of the House of Councillors, it will be passed by the plenary session to become a law.

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The worst is the case of the Local Public Official Bill. There is no hope of the Government-sponsored bill being passed in view of the fact that not only the Democrats but also the Socialists and Ryokufukai are insisting on its revision from their respective standpoints.

It is not known as yet what sort of revision the Opposition parties will utilize as an instrument with which to put up their joint front against the Government.

In any event, if the Government bill is turned down and the Opposition-sponsored revision is passed by the Councillors, the revised bill will again be sent to the House of Representatives.

In case the revised bill is sent to the House of Representatives, 10 representatives each of both Houses will sit in a conference to deliberate on the bill. But the conference is bound to develop unfavorable to the Government and the Government will have to send it to the plenary session to veto the revised bill by two-thirds.

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# Votes For Revised Bill

TOKYO, Dec. 9.—The local administration committee of the House of Councillors today voted for the revised Local Public Service Law bill worked out by the Democratic Party and the Ryokufukai.

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# Other Bills Also

TOKYO, Dec. 11.—The House of Representatives plenary session this afternoon passed several bills including that partially revising the existing Health Insurance Law and that providing for special cases concerning the date of the elections for local governments' chiefs and their assemblymen.

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**Vice-Ministers Meet**

Vice-ministers held the year's initial meeting at the Prime Minister's official residence at noon Thursday. They conferred on a draft bill designed to revise the Local Tax Law and a shipping increase plan. Vice-chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimaru Kanno reported before the meeting that out of the 241 bills scheduled for presentation to the current Diet, 44 will be submitted by Diet members.

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**221 BILLS WILL GO TO CURRENT DIET**

**Vice-Ministers Decide on Schedule as Lawmakers End Recess Jan. 21**

A total of 221 bills will be submitted to the Diet after the New Year's recess ends on January 21, Cabinet vice-ministers decided Thursday at its first 1951 conference.

Of these measure, 44 will be submitted by Diet members.

The vice-ministers decided that the Local Taxation Law should be further revised so as to ensure an increase in tax revenues through better tax collection methods. Last year's local tax revenues totaled ¥190,800,000,000, and this year's are estimated at ¥208,700,000,000.

Although they conferred on means of increasing shipping space, no agreement was reached. The subject will be taken up again at a later meeting.

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