

DA Pay OK'd; McKeithen Action Awaited

BATON ROUGE (AP) — A \$5,000 pay boost for district attorneys has cleared the Legislature and rests on the governor's desk.

The House yesterday voted 83-18 to accept a conference committee report on the pay bill.

The House had refused earlier to concur in Senate amendments dealing with the pay of New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison, but accepted them when recommended by the conference committee.

The bill would provide an additional \$5,000 to the \$10,000 that the state currently pays annually to supplement DA pay.

Garrison was only given a \$2,100 raise in the original bill and the Senate amendment increased it to \$5,000.

The Legislature already has voted substantial increases to state judges at all levels and raised the salaries of registrars

of voters some 20 per cent.

It was not known whether Gov. John J. McKeithen would sign the DA pay raise. He has said it is not needed at the present time.

Interim Report Of Mob Probe Is Expected

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)— An interim report was expected today on a legislative committee probe of Life magazine allegations that the Mafia pulls strings in state government.

The preliminary report was supposed to be completed by Saturday, but the committee chairman, Sen. Adrian G. Duplantier of New Orleans, said he did not have time to finish it.

"IT'S JUST going to be late," Duplantier said yesterday.

The resolution creating the committee called for submission of an interim report 20 days prior to adjournment of the session.

The committee has conducted two public hearings in the probe.

IN THE first hearing, Jefferson Parish Sheriff Alwynn Cronvich and New Orleans Police Supt. Joseph Giarrusso said organized crime existed in their areas but did not flourish.

Gov. John J. McKeithen told the committee in the second hearing that the Life article represented "unmitigated lies."

The panel also conducted a brief informal meeting with David L. Chandler, chief author of the April 10 Life article. Chandler gave the committee a package of documents on his research.

The committee declined to release the documents, but Chandler's attorney labeled them "explosive."