

The Pay

Saxbe

Won't Get

Washington

Senator William B. Saxbe (Rep-Ohio), said yesterday he has no objection to settling for a \$35,000 annual salary as attorney general — \$25,000 less than his predecessors were paid and \$7500 less than he is paid as a senator.

The constitution prohibits the appointment of a member of Congress to an executive post for which the pay was raised during the term for which the Congressman was elected.

A month after he entered the Senate, Saxbe voted to raise the pay of Cabinet members from \$35,000 to \$60,000.

A similar situation arose in 1909 when Senator Philander Knox (Rep-Pa.), became secretary of state after Congress voted to reduce the position's pay to its previous level.

Acting Attorney General Robert H. Bork said "remedical legislation," temporarily reducing the attorney general's pay would be submitted to Congress to permit Saxbe to serve at the old rate.

Saxbe would be eligible for a pay raise after the end of the period during which he was elected to the Senate, that is, in January, 1975.

He told a reporter the pay question doesn't bother him. He said he had no idea what the job paid when he agreed to take it.

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