

CSEA bows to \$\$ woes

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Going along with Gov. Hugh Carey's portrait of an austere fiscal situation for the state, members of the Civil Service Employees Association have voted nearly 2 to 1 to accept a new contract without a first year pay raise.

Results of the ratification vote were announced Thursday by a spokesman for the state's largest public employe union. The tally was 27,433 to 14,925.

The two-year contract provides a wage-reopener clause for the second year when a negotiated raise is guaranteed.

The contract also provides six months notice by the state of any planned layoffs, a provision the union described as a significant improvement in job security.

Union officials had called the proposal realistic shortly after the tentative agreement was reached about two weeks ago.

State officials had entered negotiations with the view that the state has been strapped for money.

Union spokesmen announced the following vote breakdown for the four bargaining units within the 147,000 member union: administrative services 8,228 to 4,042, operational services 5,063 to 2,831, institutional services 6,381 to 2,691, professional, scientific and technical services 7,761 to 5,361.

The contract became effective Thursday, the first day of the state's fiscal year.