

Talks set in attempt to meet payroll at state institutions

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ALBANY — Negotiations are to continue today on a state deficiency budget Carey administration officials say is needed to meet next week's payroll at state institutions.

Among the institutions that could face payless pay days, the officials said, are the Staten Island Developmental Center, Willowbrook, South Beach Psychiatric Center and Arthur Kill Correctional Facility.

Carey budget officials say the state needs about \$82 million for three state payrolls, covering 163,000 employees.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman John J. Marchi, a Ward Hill Republican, said his staff was "aware" of the problem, adding that he hoped a solution could be worked out early next week.

James Biggane, the committee's secretary, blamed Carey for the delay in adopting a deficiency budget, saying he has failed to document the need for the entire \$82 million.

"There are honest needs in the deficiency budget and I'd like to meet them," Biggane said. "But we have to have some documentation."

William McGowan, president of the Civil Services Employees Association, which represents 110,000 state employees, said the union would not tolerate a delay in issuing paychecks.

"It's sadly ironic that, as usual, the career public servant is just trying to do an honest day's work for an honest day's pay and getting trapped in a power play between politicians," McGowan said.

Negotiations were to continue today between Carey's staff and representatives of legislative leaders.

Meanwhile, the delay in adopting a deficiency budget has postponed the start of discussions on Carey's proposed \$16.2-billion regular budget for the 1981-82 fiscal year.

Lawmakers now say it is unlikely that a budget will be in place by the April 1 constitutional deadline.

There were these other Capitol developments yesterday:

LNG — The Senate approved legislation that would extend a ban on licensing of liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities in New York until April 1983.

The current moratorium is due to expire on April 1. Assembly passage of the measure, aimed at blocking the operation of two giant LNG tanks in Rossville by Public Service Electric & Gas Co. of New Jersey, is expected next week.

Tax cuts — The Senate approved 22 tax-cut measures, which sponsors say will save taxpayers \$488 million in the 1981-82 fiscal year. But there is no agreement on the package with either the governor or Assembly Democratic majority, making it doubtful the legislation ever will be signed into law.

GOP contest — Add a new name to the list of Republicans seeking to succeed Bernard Kilbourn as Republican State chairman. Richard J.

Hanlon, a former Onondaga County Republican chairman, says he will challenge Brooklyn GOP leader George Clark and Erie County Republican chief Victor Farley for the post.

Hanlon said he was not ready to allow the post to "go to Brooklyn," referring to reports that make Clark the favorite for the post. Recent reports, however, indicated that Clark and Farley were running neck and neck for the position. The three candidates are to be interviewed tomorrow in Albany by a 33-member screening committee, which includes Staten Island GOP chairman Arnold Thompson, with the actual vote by the full GOP State Committee scheduled for March 20.