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## ORP Bill awaits Governor's signature Special/Special Edition

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----- Message from "William Scheuerman" <bscheuer@uupmail.org> on Thu, 21 Jun 2007 21:00:58 -0400 -----

### Subject:ORP!

Colleagues:

I'm pleased to report that at about 8 PM this evening the Senate passed NYSUT's ORP bill! The assembly has passed the bill an hour earlier. Another major victory for UUP!

The ORP bill has the state picking up the three percent payment individuals in tiers three, four or four-a with at least ten years service now make to their to their optional retirement system (TIAA/CREF, for example). The state will phase in the program over three years, paying one percent of the cost for three years. This means that eligible members of the bargaining unit will eventually take home three percent more in their checks than they now do.

**It is now up to Governor Spitzer to sign the bill into law.** I'll keep you posted and will probably ask you to assist in some way.

I'm also pleased to report that both houses passed UUP backed legislation (part of our legislative plan) that put a moratorium on cuts in benefits of retired state workers. This bill too will go to the Governor for his signature. I'll keep you posted.

There's a lot more going on here in Albany. The legislature will probably go home late (real late) tonight or tomorrow morning. I'll provide reports as events unfold.

We've accomplished much this session and we saved the hospitals. Thank you!

And let's give our NYSUT lobbyist Chris Black the recognition he deserves for a job well done. Thank you Chris!

In solidarity,  
Bill Scheuerman  
UUP Statewide President

Also many thanks to the Stony Brook UUP members who met with legislators

both locally and in Albany on their own time to push these bills. With out that support and effort these would have not passed.

Thanks from your Happy PayDay Editor Charlie