GOVERNOR SENDS REASSURANCES ON QUESTION OF STATE PAY

Gov. Brown is making every effort to insure that state employees reporting to work July 1 will be paid "promptly and fully," according to a special memo received on campus Tuesday noon from the Chancellor's Office.

Along with a memo from Gray Davis, Gov. Brown's chief of staff, came a copy of the emergency legislation enacted Monday night to insure that state government continues until the Budget Act of 1980 is adopted by the Legislature.

The Rodda Bill specifies:

1. No state employee shall have a break in service because of the failure of the Legislature to enact the budget bill for 1980-81 prior to the close of June 30;
2. Any employee entering state service between June 30 and the adoption of the new budget bill shall be considered a state employee as of the date he began work;
3. Funds from the budget act, whenever it is adopted, may be used to pay the salary adjustments employees would otherwise have received starting July 1.
4. Funds from the forthcoming budget act may be used "to pay any obligation incurred between the commencement of the 1980-81 fiscal year and the effective date of the budget act" which would have been authorized by the budget if it had been adopted on time.

In his memo to state agencies and departments, Gray Davis said there have been situations in the past when the Legislature did not give a budget to the governor by July 1. "In every one of these prior years all employees who reported to work were paid. The governor is committed to a course of legal action aimed at achieving the same result this year . . .

"Therefore, I request that you inform your employees that every effort, legislative and legal, is being made to insure that all employees reporting to work on July 1 will be paid promptly and fully. Of course, under no circumstances can employees who fail to report to work be paid."

David promises prompt action on the state budget once it is adopted by the Legislature. The governor and the Department of Finance have analyzed the budget drafted by the legislative conference committee and are prepared to complete their review "within a few hours of its formal adoption."

D. Dale Hanner, vice chancellor for business affairs, suggested the college rubber stamp or write the following statement on obligations incurred or paid prior to the adoption of the budget: "Obligation incurred or payment made under provision of SB 2066, Chapter 287, Statutes 1980." This is the Rodda Bill.