

Pay Raise— P.O. Workers Want 8.66

The Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee recently passed, 7 to 2, a resolution disapproving the President's proposed five per cent limit on pay raises for federal employees.

If the Senate approves the resolution, a pay adjustment of 8.66 per cent, as recommended by the President's pay agent, will go into effect Oct. 1 for federal

employees.

U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens, a member of the committee, voted with the majority for the resolution to implement the 8.66 pay increase.

"These people have a right to comparable pay. This increase is a cost-of-living adjustment and is not in excess of cost-of-living increases for other Americans," Sen. Stevens said in committee.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics survey on which the pay agent's 8.66 recommendation was based found that the average salaries in the private sector for selected occupations during the year ended March, 1975, increased 9.0 per cent.

In Alaska, there are 7,500 General Schedule employees and thousands of military personnel who will be affected by the pay raise.