

Stadium Bond Suit Threatened

**City Workers Want
Pay Raise Before
Supporting Bonds**

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Minneapolis Tuesday awaited the possible coming of major league baseball and, with it, the possible filing of a taxpayer's suit.

The Washington Senators were informed immediately when the city board of estimate and taxation unanimously gave final approval yesterday to a nine-million-dollar bond issue for expanding Metropolitan stadium to big league proportions and refinancing original construction costs.

The Senators now have "all the machinery" necessary to ask the American league's permission to move their franchise to Minneapolis, said Gerald Moore, chairman of the metropolitan sports area commission.

LEAGUE CLUB owners are to meet Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in Chicago.

The commission offered the Senators a contract over the week-end, but approval of the bond issue was necessary to cement the invitation, baseball promoters said.

After the estimate board vote, Stanley Stabno, a union official, said there is a "good possibility" of a suit challenging legality of the expansion plan.

Stabno is business agent for Twin Cities district council 3 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

THE ORGANIZATION last week pushed through the Minneapolis Central Labor union (CLU) a resolution

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Senators' Move May Be Blocked

WASHINGTON —(UPI)— A minority stockholder filed suit Tuesday to block transfer of the Washington Senators' American league franchise to another city.

The federal district court here also was asked to oust President Calvin Griffith and other officers of the club, declare the team in receivership and grant \$500,000 damages for alleged "trickery" in planning to move the club.

Robert R. Rodenberg, a Washington real estate man, asked for the injunction to block Griffith's reported plan to move the Senators to Minneapolis.

Rodenberg, 48, said he holds 75 of the 18,600 outstanding shares of Senators stock and has been a stockholder since he was 9 years old.