

Senate committee approves jobs plan

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WASHINGTON — The Senate Appropriations Committee approved a scaled-down, \$1.2 billion jobs plan last night but rejected a \$9,100 Christmas pay raise for members of Congress. Both actions came as the committee passed legislation to keep most federal agencies from running out of money at midnight tomorrow.

On the Senate floor, meanwhile, a filibuster against a nickel boost in the federal gasoline tax — a \$5.5 billion program for highway and bridge repair — appeared to be running out of steam in the face of a threat by Republican Leader Howard Baker of Tennessee to hold an all-night session.

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Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., one of those delaying final action on the gasoline tax increase, indicated that he and others may give up the parliamentary maneuver.

"If we feel like . . . we don't have a chance in defeating the bill at least I won't prolong it if we feel like it's a futile effort," Nickles said.

However, it still was not clear when there would be a final vote on the gasoline tax itself. In the Appropriations Committee, the vote was 22-1 to kill the pay raise, approved scarcely 24 hours earlier by the House. It came after Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, suggested that an existing pay cap eventually be lifted for House members and

senior civil servants, but not for senators.

The committee's action also knocked out a 27 percent pay increase that would have gone into effect tomorrow if Congress had taken no action.

As for the jobs provision, Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., the committee chairman, conceded, "The president does not support this."

But the proposal — drafted as an alternative to a \$5.4 billion proposal cleared by the Democratic-controlled House on Tuesday — was approved without a roll call and after only a few minutes of debate.

The \$1.2 billion resulted from an expansion of a \$900 million proposal by Hatfield focusing on highway, forest and water projects. Committee members reached the higher sum by adding a provision for renovation of family housing on military bases.

Committee aides and members had no immediate estimate of the number of people who could be hired as a result.

Efforts are likely on the Senate floor both to increase the amount provided for jobs and to cut it.

The committee also voted to provide \$988 million for production of the MX missile, but bar President Reagan from spending any of the funds until Congress approves a method of deployment.

The committee sent the overall jobs measure to the Senate floor on a voice vote for debate expected to begin today.

Together, the spending measure and gasoline tax increase, endorsed by Reagan, are the two "must" items on the bipartisan leadership's list of bills to be passed before the lame-duck 97th Congress calls it quits.

The Democratic-controlled House already has passed the gasoline tax bill as well as the overall spending measure.



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Campus carolers

While most students are waiting until they get home for break to start celebrating the holidays, these students bring an early touch of holiday spirit to campus.

Teamsters president convicted for bribery

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CHICAGO — A federal jury convicted Teamsters President Roy L. Williams and four others yesterday of conspiring to bribe Sen. Howard Cannon with a lucrative Las Vegas land deal in return for his help in defeating legislation opposed by the nation's largest union.

Williams, 67, the third Teamsters president convicted of a federal crime, said he would appeal. He may remain in office as long as his case is in the courts. Attorneys for the other defendants said they would also appeal.

The defendants could face maximum terms of 55 years in prison for their convictions on one count each of conspiracy and interstate travel to further bribery and nine counts each of wire fraud.

The jury of six men and six women deliberated for 26 hours over four days. They notified presiding U.S. District Judge Prentice H. Marshall that they reached a verdict just moments after resuming their fifth day of deliberations in the eight-week trial.

Marshall summarized the verdicts in a silent courtroom, saying each defendant is "guilty of each and every count of the indictment."

Williams bowed his head and the others sat stunned while some relatives cried.

Outside, some relatives who could not get in the packed courtroom wept loudly when they heard the verdict. Some of the defendants embraced their wives and daughters as they left the court.

In addition to Williams, the defendants were Allen Dorfman, 59, a millionaire insurance executive and former consultant to the Teamsters' Central States Pension Fund; Thomas O'Malley, 46, a pension fund trustee; Andrew Massa, 65, a former trustee; and Joseph "Joey the Clown" Lombardo, 53, a reputed Chicago crime syndicate figure.

Douglas Roller, chief prosecutor in the case, said, "Of course we are gratified with the verdict. This jury did an admirable job under very difficult circumstances."

"I think the message from this jury is quite clear . . ." he said — that such conduct "will not be tolerated."

Government prosecutors charged that the five

conspired to bribe Cannon, a Nevada Democrat, with exclusive rights to buy Teamster-owned land at a reduced price in return for his help in scuttling a trucking deregulation bill.

Cannon, who was defeated last month in a re-election bid, was not charged. The deregulation measure passed with his support in 1980.

In Washington, Cannon declined comment on the verdict Tuesday.

Shortly after the verdicts were announced, the government moved to revoke bond for Dorfman and Lombardo, who are charged with extortion in an unrelated case. Prosecutors cited "fear of flight and danger to the community."

Marshall raised Dorfman's bond to \$5 million and Lombardo's to \$2.5 million and gave them until 4 p.m. Friday to come up with the money.

Lombardo's attorney, Sherman Magidson, said later yesterday that he did not know if his client would be able to come up with the bond money. Dorfman's attorney failed to answer repeated telephone calls from a reporter and could not be reached for comment.

Anderson: U.S. economy needs help

Business, government, labor must cooperate to compete in world market

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Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Jack Anderson told a capacity crowd last night that for the United States to compete in the worldwide marketplace, big business, government and labor would have to work together. Other countries with fewer

resources than the United States, such as Japan, have been competing successfully in the market because labor and management have joined forces to work collectively, Anderson said in a Colloquy-sponsored speech.

"No corporation in the United States is big enough to compete with the Japanese government when combined with labor and

business," Anderson said.

Also a factor in the economic competition is the rapid advancement of technology, he said.

"Today, we can double the world's knowledge every year. Today's technology is going to be obsolete in your lifetime," he said. Therefore, the United States should start rebuilding plants and

retraining workers to keep pace with technology, he warned, or both will become obsolete.

"But, if we do," he said, "no other country would be able to compete with us because we have the most innovation."

"The system is what's defeating us today," he said. "I suggest that we change, or like the Soviets, we will lose our markets."

Anderson said that if the United States is able to build 109 steel plants in foreign countries, it should be financially able to build them in this country, with the help of the federal government.

President Reagan's philosophy of non-intervention by the federal government into the open market system, he said, is not the route to economic prosperity in this country.

Anderson criticized Reagan's plan to stimulate the economy by reducing taxes, saying that tax reductions and corporate tax credits only "put more money into the hands of the rich."

"But what the rich spend will not make up for what the 12 million unemployed don't spend," he said.

Because of the rising national debt, the United States is forced to borrow money, which forces people in the private sector to compete for money, thus driving up interest rates, he said.

Although Reagan has been able to lower interest rates somewhat, "from incredible to outrageous," Anderson said, "he won't be able to hold them down as long as there is that enormous debt."

"I wouldn't count on any great boom," he said. "The interest rate will go back up so far that not even Ronald Reagan and Tip O'Neill will be able to hold it down."

On another topic, Anderson said that a "constituency," consisting of Pentagon officials, military contractors, politicians and officials of weapon manufacturing corporations, is pressuring Reagan

and Congress to increase military spending.

Anderson then criticized the previously abandoned and current plans for the deployment of the MX missile system.

The first plan, under former President Jimmy Carter, was "to dig up the wild, wild west by building 4,600 silos, linked by a Walt Disney-type track," Anderson said.

But being able to shuffle missiles from silo to silo is not necessarily a good plan, he said.

"If you had the mentality of Yuri Andropov, what would you do?" Anderson asked rhetorically.

"Knock them all out, why not?" he said. "It's cheaper to build a warhead than a silo."

But with the current "dense pack" proposal, Anderson said, the same people who said "we gotta hide these things" are now saying "put them all together — in a bull's-eye."

"There's not going to be any survivors, just one big hole in the ground where the bull's-eye used to be," if the Soviets strike first, he said.

But Reagan's plan to increase military spending is not necessarily wrong, Anderson said he has seen classified reports indicating the U.S. arsenal is "dangerously behind" the Soviet Union in almost every military category.

"We literally still have weapons that were deployed during the Vietnam War that are still being operated by factory representatives," he said.

In a press conference after the speech, Anderson said one way to help this situation is to reinstate the draft.

"We need a draft that will take the best of our young people," Anderson said. "The only way we're going to be able to survive is to take the best, not just the people who are looking for jobs."

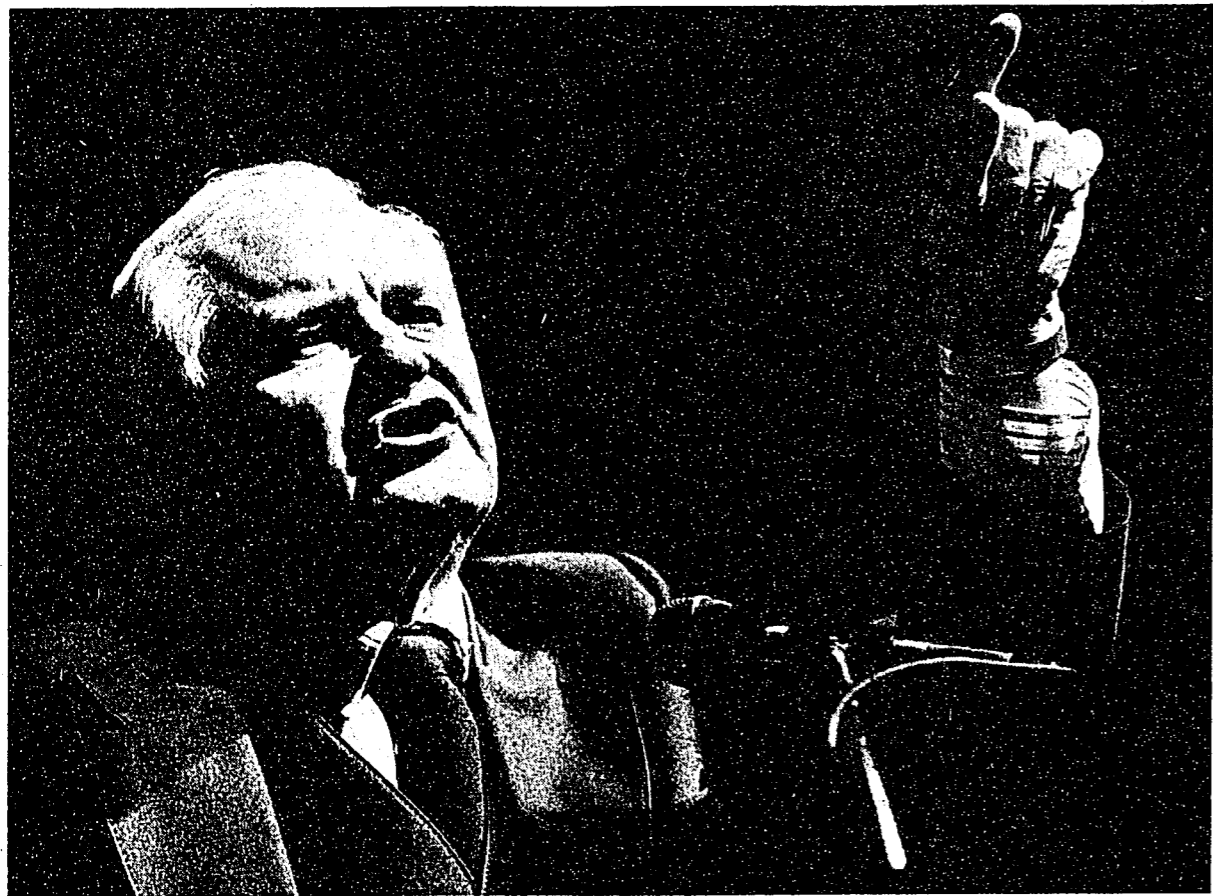


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Cloudy and turning colder today with rain turning to snow flurries this afternoon, high 40. Continued cloudy and cold tonight with a chance of snow flurries and a low of 23. Clearing and cold tomorrow with a high near 32.

—by Craig Wagner

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