

making the news

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WASHINGTON — The Senate voted 58-39 Wednesday to give Pres. Carter standby authority to ration gasoline in emergencies, after winning additional last-minute White House concessions.

Included was a promise from the president not to use rationing to ease lines at gasoline stations caused by temporary shortages.

Senate approval sent the measure to the House, where action is expected on Thursday.

The president also promised to make more gasoline available to farmers and to industries engaged in producing energy under a compromise reached moments before the Senate showdown.

The rationing plan is intended only as a standby program, one that would be kept on the shelf until needed in a crisis. And once Carter invoked such a plan, Congress would have 15 days in which either chamber could veto it.

SALEM — The Legislature has no business ordering a halt to nuclear plant construction, Gov. Vic Atiyeh said Wednesday when asked if he would veto an indefinite nuclear moratorium bill.

The Republican governor said he opposed "dealing with highly technical questions in the political arena."

The House passed a bill Monday that would stop construction of new nuclear plants in the state until the federal government starts building a permanent repository for high-level radioactive waste.

Atiyeh said the "right approach" would be to adopt a Senate bill which holds up for one year the Siting Council's decision on the proposed \$3.5 billion Pebble Springs nuclear complex in northeastern Oregon. The delay is to allow time for study of the waste problem and the Three Mile Island nuclear accident in Pennsylvania.

JERUSALEM — Israeli troops and U.N. peacekeeping forces stood toe-to-toe Wednesday in a tense five-hour confrontation in southern Lebanon before the Israelis gave up their chase of Palestinian guerrillas and withdrew across the border, a U.N. spokesman said.

An Israeli army spokesman said about 400 Israeli soldiers were involved. He said the incident began when an army patrol encountered a band of Palestinians attempting to cross the border fence west of Kiryat Shmona into Israel about 4 a.m. Wednesday 10 p.m. Tuesday EDT.

The spokesman said one Palestinian was wounded and captured.

BOISE, Idaho — Idaho and Arizona, two states which have taken stands against the Equal Rights Amendment, on Wednesday launched a legal battle with the federal government over state control over the amendment process.

The lawsuit, filed in Boise federal court, specifically asks the courts to order the federal government to accept a 1977 vote by the Idaho Legislature rescinding its approval of ERA five years earlier.

It also asks the courts to rule that Congress had no authority last year to grant a three-year extension of the ERA ratification deadline.

Rubber union begins strike over pay raise

The United Rubber Workers union called 8,200 members out on strike at a dozen Uniroyal plants Wednesday in a dramatic showdown with the big tire maker over Pres. Carter's anti-inflation wage guidelines.

The strike is against the Carter administration as much as Uniroyal Inc., as the union seeks to win a new contract that exceeds the president's voluntary 7 percent annual ceiling on wage and fringe benefit increases.

"Hey, Carter, we can't live on peanuts," proclaimed one picket sign outside a Uniroyal tire plant in Detroit as 800 dayshift workers walked off the job in observance of a noon strike deadline.

A typical rubber worker now makes a little more than \$8 an hour.

Uniroyal, the nation's third largest tire company, has "pledged to uphold the guidelines," company spokesman James Hill said shortly after the strike began.

The administration has exerted considerable pressure on Uniroyal and other tire companies to resist wage settlements that exceed the already stretched guidelines.

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U.S., Soviets finally agree on nuclear weapon treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and the Soviet Union, winding up seven years of hard bargaining, announced agreement Wednesday on a treaty to slow the nuclear arms race.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, who negotiated the settlement on key provisions with Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin, made the announcement on behalf of Pres. Carter.

Defense Secretary Harold Brown represented the Pentagon and said "SALT will contribute significantly to our security."

Brown said even with the treaty, the United States will have to expand its defense efforts, particularly its strategic nuclear forces.

Vance emphasized the hope the pact carries for "a safer America and a safer world."

"The treaty is a message of hope for us, and for all the people of the world," Vance told reporters gathered at the White House.

Carter began meeting with members of the Senate even before the accord was reached.

Senate Republican Leader Howard Baker said he told Carter it is his "strong feeling" that the treaty will be amended on the Senate floor or returned for renegotiation.

Asked why Carter was not making the announcement, press aide Jody Powell said Vance had been the chief treaty negotiator. "Everyone thought he (Vance) ought to have the honor of making the announcement."

Carter had predicted completion of a treaty outline in October 1977. The final round

of negotiations proved difficult, though, as the two sides jockeyed for terms suitable to their defense needs as well as arms-control objectives.

Toward the end, there was painstaking delay as the U.S. and Soviet negotiators worked on final details surrounding tests of missiles carrying multiple warheads and definition of new missiles.

The strategic arms limitation treaty, SALT II, sets a ceiling of 2,250 on the combination of strategic bombers and intercontinental ballistic missiles each of the superpowers can have through 1985.

The Soviets, having about 2,500 launchers now, will be required to cut back. The United States is about 100 under the maximum and, therefore, has the right to build up to that limit.

The final text will be put together during the next two or three weeks by U.S. and Soviet delegations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Meanwhile, Vance is continuing his discussions with Dobrynin on the time and place for Carter and Soviet Pres. Leonid Brezhnev to hold a summit at which the treaty will be signed. That decision is expected by the end of the week.

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