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## Committee kills Reagan budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Budget Committee, after days of chipping away at President Ronald Reagan's 1986 budget, voted outright Wednesday to kill the entire plan.

The vote in a showdown engineered by the Democratic

minority was 16 to 4.

Reagan anticipated the defeat, telling a group of businessmen beforehand that he was disappointed in the committee's action.

He added, "I have my veto pen drawn" for any legislation raising taxes, and he challenged Congress to "go ahead, make my day."

What the committee is drafting, however, is a budget to

serve as a target when specific appropriation and revenue bills come up. As such, it would not go to the president for his approval.

The panel chair, Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said the vote "shouldn't surprise the president," given the committee's slashing of his proposed military buildup while ignoring most of his appeals for domestic spending cuts.

The action was largely symbolic, as Republican leaders had never introduced the president's spending plan and had no intention to do so.

The vote dramatized, however, the widespread lack of support in Congress for the Reagan plan, with its \$30 billion in proposed increased military spending and \$40 billion in domestic spending cuts.

## House defeats seat belt plan

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon House on Wednesday narrowly defeated a watered-down version of a mandatory seat belt use bill that would have put the issue on the ballot.

The measure was rejected 30-28, but Rep. Al Young, D-Hillsboro, said he might move to have the measure reconsidered.

The Senate-passed version of SB355 would have required motorists to use seat belts starting Jan. 1 or face fines of up to \$50.

But a major public outcry against the measure caused a House panel to revise the measure so it wouldn't take effect unless it was approved by the voters in the May 1986 primary election.

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